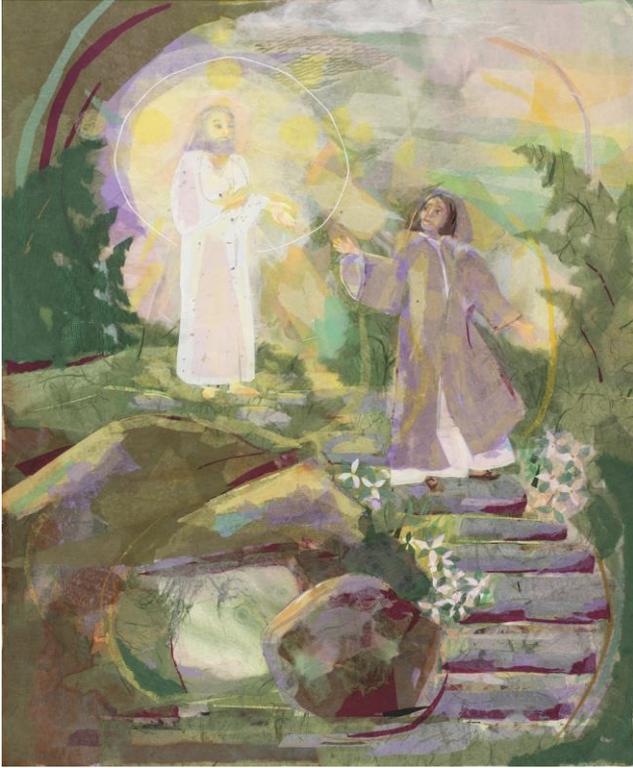




# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



## Easter Sunday

The Rev. Joseph Ramsay

April 4, 2021

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**At this time we do not have a minister for the congregation. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Reverend Nan Hudson at 613-539-3751 or at [nan@kos.net](mailto:nan@kos.net)**



### CHURCH

**Sydenham Street United Church** as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

### OFFICE HOURS

**The Spire/SSUC Office:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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**SSUC Administrator:** [613-542-9616 x 202](tel:613-542-9616)

**Email:** [sydenham@kos.net](mailto:sydenham@kos.net)

**Rentals/Room Bookings @ The Spire:** [613-542-9616 x 201](tel:613-542-9616)

**Web:** [www.sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/](http://www.sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/)

**Online Sunday Services:** [www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet](https://www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet)



<https://www.thespirekingston.org/>

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## **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

### **CHORAL INTROIT**

Midnight Sharpness, Starfields, Fading

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

### **CENTRING MUSIC**

Were You There?

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

When the day is quiet  
and love breathes again  
**we praise you, O God of resurrection**

When the time is now  
and the grave clothes are folded  
**we praise you, O God of renewal**

When the day is new  
and the stone has rolled  
**we praise you, O God of empty tombs**

Now we see the world differently  
What we thought was the way of things, yesterday  
is no longer the way of things today  
death was yesterday  
new life is today  
love was dead  
now is alive again  
**and we praise you, O God of life.**

Accept our praise, and make truly alive,  
as we worship you this day.  
**Amen**

**HYMN VU 179**

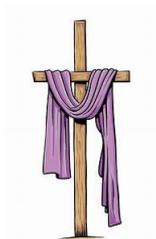


**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.  
Give thanks to the risen Christ;  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Give praise to God's name.**

- 1** Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
firstborn of all creation. **R**
  
- 4** Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

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**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**



**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:1-18

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Jesu Joy of Love's Desiring



**HOMILY**

**Pathways to the Empty Tomb**



**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Holy City  
solo voice Michael T. Fenn, tenor  
accompanied by Donna Matheson

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

***Offerings are gratefully received through:***

**Canada Helps:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>

**e-transfers:**

[givingssuc@kos.net](mailto:givingssuc@kos.net)

or **Canada Post**

**For further information:**

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE PRAYER OF JESUS**



#### **HYMN VU 155**

#### **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**1** Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

**2** Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

**3** But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation has procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

**4** Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Music: Derek Holman

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## **COMMISSIONING**

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty



**THANK YOU FOR  
TALENTS SHARED**

**Guest Minister**

**The Rev. Joseph Ramsay**

**Music Director and Organist**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Music recorded by the SSUC Choir  
Donna Matheson, Vocal Accompanist**



**Peter Goheen, Minute for Mission**



**Cover image by Barb Carr**



**Thank you . . . Leo and Rachael!**

We are grateful to Rachael and Leo Morris-Dakin who made the butterflies which are hanging on our Easter plant in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning . . . a sign of new life and hope. A welcome addition to our Easter worship!



## NOTICES



### **Easter 2021**

We have reasons to be grateful and hopeful this Easter season as we contemplate the challenging journey which our congregation has been travelling for some time now. We have found meaningful worship during the pandemic when we have been unable to access our sanctuary. We have learned to use technology to undertake the business of the congregation and to facilitate collective discussion among ourselves. We await hopefully the successful conclusion of the deliberations to call our next minister. The energy and enthusiasm of many devoted members of our congregation has sustained the spirit and life of the congregation. This Easter let us be mindful of this spirit of engagement and the faith in our future which it nurtures.

**Written by Peter Goheen on behalf of  
SSUC Circles of Companionship Point Persons:  
Margaret Turner, Meikle Turner, Sylvia Mann,  
Peter Goheen, Vicki Ruthven,  
Bruce Hutchinson, Susan Davis & Linda Hutchinson**

**Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

We are very pleased to have as our speakers The Reverend Nan Hudson and Carol Rogers, both from Faith United Church. The title of their presentation is “**Walking The Path of Peace Together**”. They will talk about the reconciliation project in which indigenous people from the Kingston area and settlers from Faith United, Chalmers United and Sydenham United Churches, have been engaged together.

***Signing into ZOOM will commence at 12.45 pm. At 1.10 pm we will have congregational announcements and then introduce our speakers.***

Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. If you wish to attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com). for the AZOOM link, preferably by Sunday evening April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on May 11, 2021 on the topic “Cataraqui Cemetery and Modern Challenges”.



## SOUP LUNCH RETURNS!

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee is planning **Soup Lunch-To-Go**, on Sunday April 11, in support of the Benevolent Fund. You will be provided with a generous portion of soup, a roll and sweets. Soups must be ordered ahead and can be chosen from the following list:

1. Cauliflower and Cheese
2. Carrot, Orange and Ginger
3. Salmon Chowder
4. Beef Vegetable
5. Moroccan Peanut Tomato
6. Garden Vegetable

Please contact Barb Parker with your order no later than Friday April 9 – by email at [barbparker613@gmail.com](mailto:barbparker613@gmail.com) or by phone at 613 572 1952. Let her know if you will be picking up your soup at the church on April 11 or if you need delivery. The suggested donation is \$6.00. If you wish, you may donate by e-transfer to [givingssuc@kos.net](mailto:givingssuc@kos.net) with “soup” in the subject line, or you may donate at pickup by cash or cheque, or at delivery by cheque.

**If there is a requirement to cancel in-person services for April 11, this event will be postponed.**

## Important: Rules We *Must* Follow When We're in the Church!

### When Arriving:

1. When you enter the Sanctuary, please go directly to the seat the usher has indicated for you. Please *don't* stop anywhere to talk with anyone who's seated or move along an empty pew to visit with someone.
2. Please remain seated after you've removed your coat and hat.
3. Unless you're speaking at a lectern in the service, you *must* keep your mask on at all times

### During the Service:

4. If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, please move to the aisle nearest you and walk along it to the front of the Sanctuary. Exit by the right-hand door beyond the piano. When you return, please retrace this route, distancing yourself from others. You *must* keep your mask on.

### After the Service:

5. You will leave through the front doors. People in the *rear* rows will exit *first*. If you have mobility challenges, you'll be helped to leave via William Street. Please put on your coat at your seat during the Postlude, so that you can move directly to the exit.
6. Please *do not stop* until you have left the building – not in the aisle, not in the doorway, not on the steps or ramp. Maintain the safe distance from others and help them to exit by leaving as efficiently and swiftly as you are able. Conversations are welcome – at a distance – once you're outside.

Thank you for obeying these rules every Sunday. We hope to maintain the privilege of attending church in the Sanctuary, and to do so we must behave safely. Then, we'll each feel safe when we're at Sydenham Street.