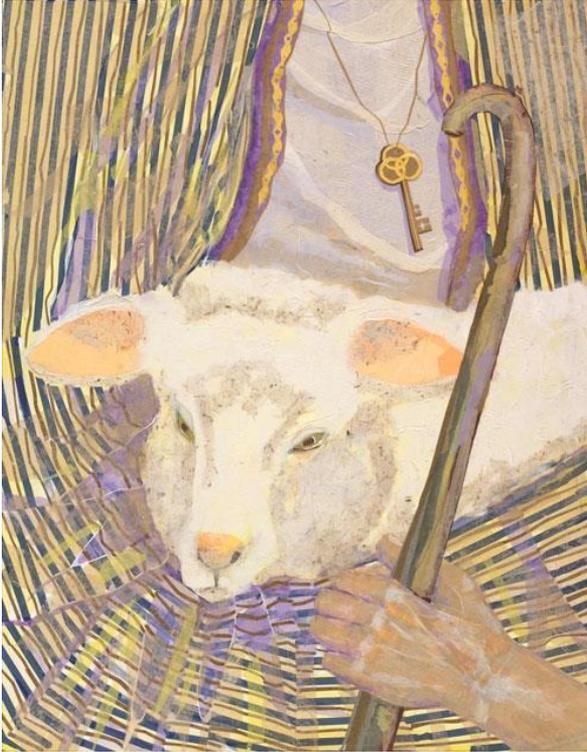




# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Easter 6

The Light Within  
Michael T. Fenn

May 9, 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

**82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON K7L 3H4**

**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/>

**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together

## **GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit of new beginnings,  
show us where stones rolled away

**Let in your light and breath;**

Show us where your rising vine is greening  
**to create – in the end – a new beginning.**

Be with us and bless us

**on this Easter Road to Pentecost.**

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Mystery, Wholly Love –  
as we gather in community to worship you,  
may we, by your grace, walk from Light into Light together,  
with the Christ's trust that endings are beginnings in disguise;  
that the Spirit of Easter is a cosmic presence with us always  
even though we walk through the valley of the shadow  
of a pandemic cross. Amen



**The Lord's My Shepherd**

**1** The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me,  
the quiet waters by.

**2** My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

**3** Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

**4** My table thou has furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

**5** Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

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## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **INVITATION TO REFLECT**

What strikes you in the text/image/ and music?

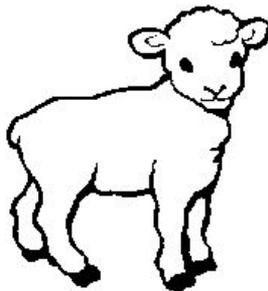
How does the text/image/ and music connect with what is going on in your life now?

Where/how do you experience God and the Holy Spirit in this text/image/ and music?

### **LIGHT INTO LIGHT**

#### **GOSPEL READING**

John 21:15-19



## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*art & psalm inspired by:  
John 21:15-19*

### TENDER OF THE FLOCK

*O Tender of the Flock  
though we try to follow you  
our world can tempt us  
to deny and betray you.*

*Lead us not into the temptation  
to do to others before  
they get the chance to do to us;  
to love our neighbour  
with only the love left  
after loving ourselves.*

*Deliver us from the evil  
of painting our enemies  
with horns and forked tail  
to mask the 'us' in them  
that we deny is there.*

*As often as we deny you  
you give us a chance  
to redeem ourselves;  
You ask again if we love you  
then point us to the flock  
you cared enough for  
to give your all for.*

*You call us to care  
as much for The Other  
as Jesus did;  
to love the Christ  
in The Other —  
in alien and alienated  
in unpopular and unwell  
in despised and rejected  
in penniless and powerless  
homeless, hopeless, helpless.*

*O Tender of the Flock  
help us trust  
the power of your powerlessness;  
help us choose  
your redemptive farsightedness  
over our pre-emptive myopia;  
your self-giving  
over our self-serving.*

*O Tender of the Flock  
thanks to the Christ we can see  
that only in our tending The Other  
as selflessly as Jesus did  
can the world be saved  
from itself.*

AMEN.

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### REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Tend My Sheep  
Ashley Vanstone

### SCRIPTURE READING

## **REFLECTION**

“The Light Within”

Michael T. Fenn

\*with a vocal solo of David Haas’ “You are Mine”\*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Neil Gow’s Lament

## **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 LORD’S PRAYER**

## **HYMN VU 222**

### **Come, Let Us Sing**

**1** Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

**2** O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

**3** You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

**4** Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

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## **COMMISSIONING**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

**THANK YOU FOR  
TALENTS SHARED**

**Worship Leader**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Music Director and Organist**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Choristers**

**Donna Delyea**

**Bruce Hutchinson**

**Beth Leake**

**Ms. Annica McDougall, violinist from Queen's University**

**Ashley Vanstone, "From Light into Light" © 2008**

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**Poetry by Norm Esdon**



## NOTICES

### Two Church Lunch and Learn

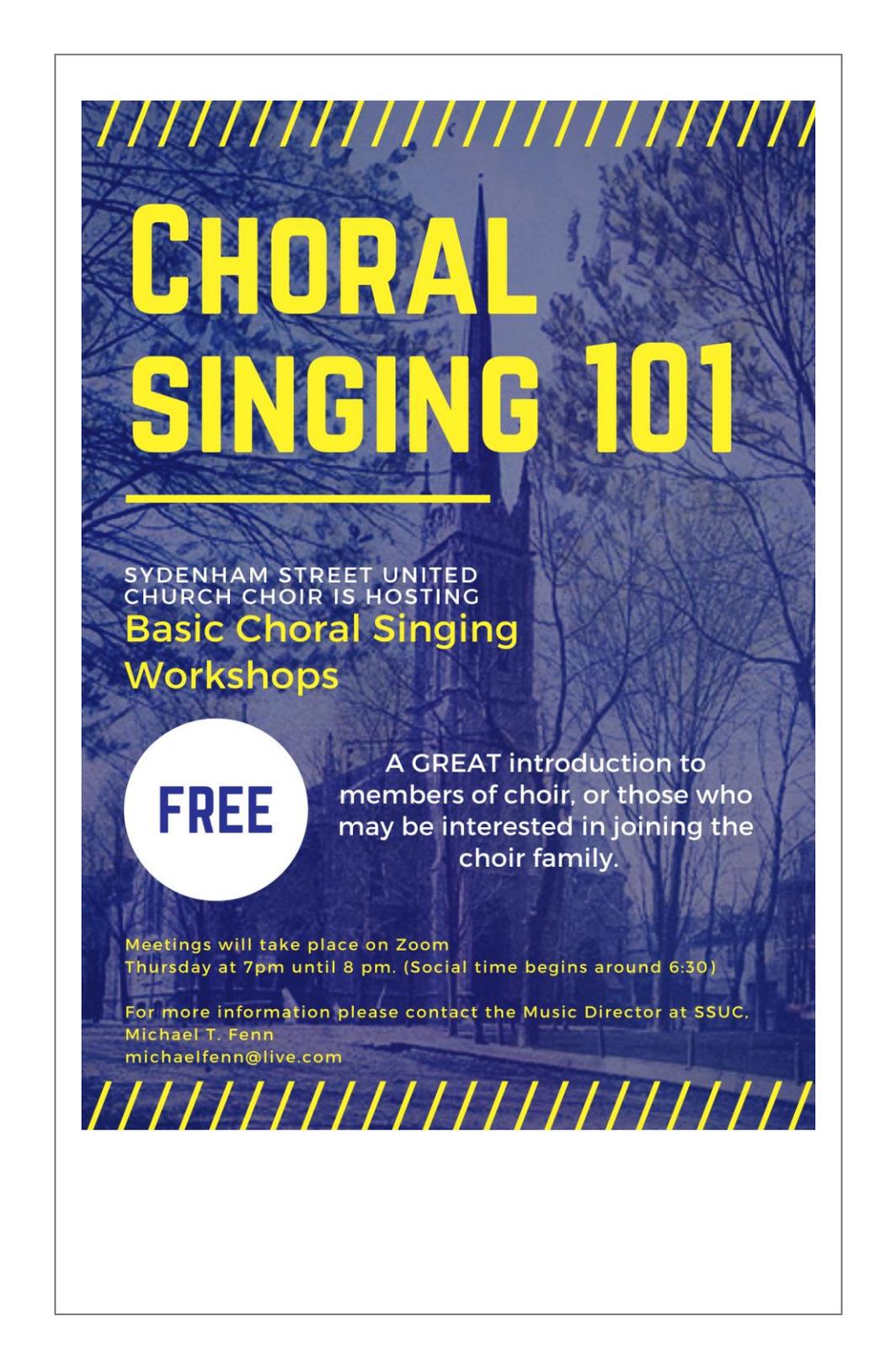
**Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

We are very pleased to have as our speaker Craig Boals, General Manager The Cataraqui Cemetery Company. The title of his presentation is Cataraqui Cemetery and Modern Challenges. Craig will offer some helpful insight and understanding as to how Kingston's historic cemetery operates in the 21st century.

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

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 ZOOM link, preferably by Sunday evening May 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is our last meeting of this season of Lunch & Learn. Please let us know if there are speakers of topics/people you would like Lunch and Learn to invite for next year's program. We hope to meet in late May or early June to plan next year's program. Contact anyone on last year's planning team with ideas you have – Juliet Milsome, Juliet Huntly, Meikle Turner, Al Fletcher, Jim Leake, Kenn Doerksen, Eileen Woloshyn, Gerald McGrath and Bruce Hutchinson ([hutchinb@queensu.ca](mailto:hutchinb@queensu.ca))



# CHORAL SINGING 101

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members of choir, or those who  
may be interested in joining the  
choir family.

Meetings will take place on Zoom  
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For more information please contact the Music Director at SSUC,  
Michael T. Fenn  
[michaelfenn@live.com](mailto:michaelfenn@live.com)