



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Easter 7

Moving Toward the Light of  
Social Justice and Outreach

Ian Malcolm

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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**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**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.**





**Take My Life and Let It Be**

- 1** Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  
- 2** Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.
  
- 3** Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.
  
- 4** Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

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**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Graciously hear our supplications, God,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as Jesus promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.**

# **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

## **GOSPEL READING**

Acts 1:15-17 NRSV  
1 John 5:9-13 NRSV

## **REFLECTIVE MUSIC**

Risen One, Ascending  
Ashley Vanstone

## **REFLECTION**

**Moving Toward the Light of  
Social Justice and Outreach**



## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*art & psalm inspired by:  
Acts 1:1-11*

### FAITH IN TRANSITION

*O Master of Transition  
our childhood faith  
— rooted in the material,  
the magical, the literal —  
soon dematerializes —  
thins, fades, rises, and  
is swallowed by the cloud of  
our need for proof.*

*When childhood faith tries  
to move on — we hang on;  
We stand in its empty place  
hurting heart and whirling mind  
gazing after it — trying to fathom  
where it has gone  
what it has become.*

*You ask why  
we stand staring into space;*

*You tell us faith will return  
as mysteriously  
as dematerialized  
as we saw it go.*

*You urge us to return  
to the Holy City  
to pray and to study  
to examine ourselves  
to worship and work  
in your world.*

*You counsel us  
to watch and to wait  
for your transition of  
literal to metaphorical  
magical to mystical  
material to spiritual.*

*O Master of Transition  
with faith in transition  
we watch and  
we wait.*

AMEN.

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

There are many ways to financially contribute to the ministries at Sydenham Street United Church. For all donations, you may indicate where you would like your donation directed.

1. **Donate by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** [Donate Now](#)

2. **Electronic Transfer (eTransfer)** [givingssuc@kos.net](mailto:givingssuc@kos.net)

3. **Mail or drop off your donation by cheque or money order**

4. **Donate through CanadaHelps**

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

**For further information:**

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

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Carolans Draught

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **HYMN VU 567**

### **Will You Come and Follow Me**

- 1** Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me.
- 2** Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
- 3** Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4** Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?



**5** Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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## **COMMISSIONING**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**



***THANK YOU FOR  
TALENTS SHARED***

**Worship Leader**

**Ian Malcolm**

**Music Director and Organist**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Lay Reader**

**Rosalind Malcolm**

**Choristers**

**Donna Delyea**

**Bruce Hutchinson**

**Beth Leake**

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

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

**Original Art by Barb Carr**

**Poetry by Norm Esdon**

## NOTICES

### **Our Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday May 18<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.***

NOTE: IF YOU HAD ALREADY REGISTERED FOR MAY 11th. YOU DO **NOT** NEED TO RE-REGISTER AS YOU ARE ALREADY ON OUR LIST TO RECEIVE THE LINK.

**HOWEVER, IF YOU HAD NOT REGISTERED FOR MAY 11th. AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON MAY 18th. PLEASE R.S.V.P to [meikle\\_irish@yahoo.com](mailto:meikle_irish@yahoo.com) before Monday May 17th. to make sure that you receive the link.**

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, Al Fletcher, Jim Leake, Eileen Woloshyn, Meikle Turner, Gerald McGrath and Bruce Hutchinson ([hutchinb@queensu.ca](mailto:hutchinb@queensu.ca))

Cataraqui Cemetery and Modern Challenges:

Craig will start his talk with why Cataraqui Cemetery was founded and why its unique landscape design led to the cemetery's designation as a National Historic Site of Canada. Craig will then "pullback the curtains" and share some of the challenges that come with operating a cemetery and how recent changes to provincial legislation and regulations affected both cemetery operators and the families served.



# CHORAL SINGING 101

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SYDENHAM STREET UNITED  
CHURCH CHOIR IS HOSTING

## Basic Choral Singing Workshops

**FREE**

A GREAT introduction to  
members of choir, or those who  
may be interested in joining the  
choir family.

Meetings will take place on Zoom  
Thursday at 7pm until 8 pm. (Social time begins around 6:30)

For more information please contact the Music Director at SSUC,  
Michael T. Fenn  
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