



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



## Being A Cultural Christian

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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)

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**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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Let us gather in the presence of God  
Filled with the love of God,  
Filled with the joy of Christ  
Filled with the hope of the Spirit.  
Come, let us worship God.**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**



## OPENING PRAYER

**We come to you God in this time of Worship to praise you and listen for your word in music, Scripture, and the spoken word. We come online - right now as we live stream or later on YouTube. No matter where or when, we are together to learn anew how to be your people. We ask that you make us powerful forces for good. In Christ's name. Amen.**

## **HYMN VU 602**



### **In Loving Partnership We Come**

- 1** In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive;  
we freely offer them to you.
  
- 2** We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and and faithful deed.
  
- 3** Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.
  
- 4** In loving partnership, O God,  
help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire,  
we humbly pray in Jesus' name,

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

### **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

*From the Song of Faith*

**We sing of Jesus,  
a Jew,  
born to a woman in poverty  
in a time of social upheaval  
and political oppression.  
He knew human joy and sorrow.  
So filled with the Holy Spirit was he  
that in him people experienced the presence of God among them.  
We sing praise to God incarnate.**

**Jesus announced the coming of God's reign—  
a commonwealth not of domination  
but of peace, justice, and reconciliation.  
He healed the sick and fed the hungry.  
He forgave sins and freed those held captive  
by all manner of demonic powers.  
He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender.  
He preached and practised unconditional love—  
love of God, love of neighbour,  
love of friend, love of enemy—  
and he commanded his followers to love one another  
as he had loved them.**

**Because his witness to love was threatening,  
those exercising power sought to silence Jesus.  
He suffered abandonment and betrayal,  
state-sanctioned torture and execution.  
He was crucified.**

**But death was not the last word.  
God raised Jesus from death,  
turning sorrow into joy,  
despair into hope.  
We sing of Jesus raised from the dead.  
We sing hallelujah.**

## **REFLECTION**

**Being A Cultural Christian**  
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## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

God is My Shepherd ~ Antonin Dvorak  
Vocal solo by Michael T. Fenn



# **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.

- **Electronic Transfer (eTransfer)** [givingssuc@kos.net](mailto:givingssuc@kos.net)
- **Mail or drop off your donation by cheque or money order**
- **Donate through CanadaHelps**  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>
- **Donate by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** **Donate Now**

**For further information:**

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

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN VU 606**



**In Christ There is No East or West**

- 1** In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
  
- 2** In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.
  
- 3** Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
  
- 4** In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

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**COMMISSIONING**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



***THANK YOU FOR  
TALENTS SHARED***

**Worship Leaders**

**Tom Megginson  
Marylil Megginson**

**Music Director and Organist**

**Michael T. Fenn**

**Choristers**

**Donna Delyea  
Bruce Hutchinson  
Beth Leake**

**NOTICES**

# 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  
[michaelfenn@live.com](mailto:michaelfenn@live.com)