



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



## THE HEALING POWER OF THE LAND

### National Indigenous Day of Prayer

June 20, 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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**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**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **OPENING**

Kimberley Debassige

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain. We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured the depths of this pain. Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness: Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories; Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other; And with your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness. Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life. Amen.**

**HYMN VU 229**



**God of the Sparrow**

**1** God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

**2** God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

**4** God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

**5** God of the neighbour  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

**6** God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home.

Music: Carl Schalk

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# **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

## **A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,  
infinitely greater than words can express,  
whose love for us and all creation  
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5: 23-24

## **SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS**

*Embers, One Ojibway's Meditations* (pages 102 and 38)  
Richard Wagamese

## **The Healing Power of the Land: Personal Reflections**

Charlotte Clark - Juliet Huntly - Jim Leake - Pat Roebuck

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Cardinal/Wade Family, Faith United Church

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

### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

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)**

**For further information:**

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

### **REMEMBERING THE LOST CHILDREN**

A poem by abigail echo-hawk

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER OF JESUS**



## **Spirit Open My Heart**

**Spirit open my heart  
To the joy and pain of living  
As you love may I love  
In receiving and in giving Spirit,  
open my heart**

**1** God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

**2** Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

**3** May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.

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## **BENEDICTION**

May our footsteps on these ancient lands remind us of creation and connectedness, in our search for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its branches, remind us to dig deep and reach high, in our action for justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky, remind us of the power, in our call for love.

May the expanse of the lands and seas, of the sky and stars, remind us of God's timing in our faith in hope.

May the Holy Three, Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus, remind us of community.

So with grace, mercy, and peace, go in truth, justice, love, and hope.

## **POSTLUDE**



**THANK YOU FOR  
TALENTS SHARED**

**Kingston Indigenous Community**

**Kimberley Debassige**

**Faith United Church**

**Charlotte Clark, Music Director & Chair, Worship Committee  
Pat Roebuck, Co-Chair, Walking the Path of Peace Together  
Jaylene Cardinal and her family**

**Sydenham Street United Church**

**Michael T. Fenn, Music Director & Organist  
Bruce Hutchinson, Beth Leake**

**Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (JTRAG)  
Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches**

**Bill Egnatoff, Lynn Freeman, Juliet Huntly, Rosemary MacLachlan**

With assistance from other JTRAG members:

**Michael Cooke, Joan Egnatoff,  
Barbara Parrott, Sandra Rutenburg, Jack Soule**

**References**

- <sup>1</sup> Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Aboriginal Sunday Celebration and Thanksgiving Service, United Church of Canada, 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> Deb Anderson Pratt, Regina Native Outreach Ministry, Indigenous Day Prayer, United Church of Canada, 2020.

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## 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,  
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