



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Communities, Great and Small

The Venerable Dr. Bob Hales

June 27, 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



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/

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet



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

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

We come this morning God with gratitude and awe.

We come with eager minds and ready hearts.

Open us to your love and to the possibilities you offer us. Amen





Homeless People, Will You Listen

1 “Homeless people, will you listen?

I, too, was a refugee.

Poor and hungry of my family,

I was born in poverty.”

So speaks Jesus to our sisters,
offering love and hope and peace.

In this man our God has met us
with a love that does not cease.

2 “Anxious people can you hear me?

I was torn and hurt by fear.

Sick and suffering, maimed and wounded,

I knew doubt and bitter tear.”

So speaks Jesus to our brothers,
offering love and hope and peace.

In this man our God has met us
with a love that does not cease.

3 “Homeless people, will you listen?

I was also a refugee.

Poor and hungry of my family,

I was born in poverty.”

So speaks Jesus to his followers,
friends of his must learn to give.

Life is ours to share with others.
we are bound with all who live.

4 “Anxious people can you hear me?

I was torn and hurt by fear.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

From the Song of Faith

We offer worship

as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,

God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

We sing with trust.

Scripture is our song for the journey, the living word

passed on from generation to generation
to guide and inspire,

that we might wrestle a holy revelation for our time and place
from the human experiences

and cultural assumptions of another era.

God calls us to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

The Spirit breathes revelatory power into scripture,

bestowing upon it a unique and normative place
in the life of the community.

The Spirit judges us critically when we abuse scripture

by interpreting it narrow-mindedly,
using it as a tool of oppression, exclusion, or hatred.

The wholeness of scripture testifies

to the oneness and faithfulness of God.

The multiplicity of scripture testifies to its depth:

two testaments, four gospels,
contrasting points of view held in tension—

all a faithful witness to the One and Triune God,
the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21-43

REFLECTION

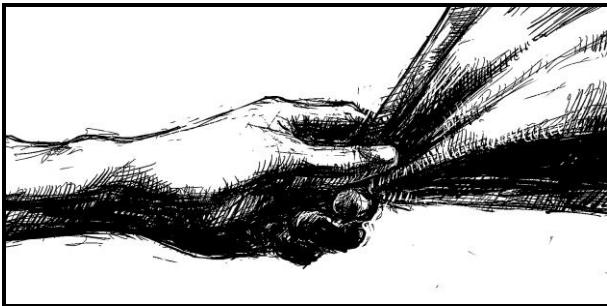
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SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Vocal Solo, 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
- **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/>

PRAYER OF BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 684



Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
 O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
 so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love with all my soul.

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

God be With You 'Till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE

***THANK YOU FOR
TALENTS SHARED***

Worship Leaders

**The Venerable Dr. Bob Hales
Marylil Megginson**

Music Director and Organist

Michael T. Fenn

**CHORAL
SINGING 101**

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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