



Sydenham Street United Church



Reverend Catherine Elsdon
Second Sunday in Lent
25 February 2024
11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

Lent II
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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

~Presbyterian Church USA

We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,
we need only to look around:

**within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,
we need only listen to the music of life:

**the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

Let us worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.

Hymn Voices United 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Theme Conversation

Lent Candle Liturgy

Prayer:

God of creation and compassion,
in times of struggle and challenge,
we doubt your presence
and the power of your love.

candle extinguished

In the depth of chaos, empower us to cry out to you.
Help us to remember
that no matter how far we stray
or how deeply we despair,
you are already there.

Assurance More Voices 62 “There Is Room for All” x2

Scripture

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Psalm 139, Voices United 861 (with refrain)

One: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Duet How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

– J.S. Bach

Minute for Outreach

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Dedicating our Gifts

God of abundance,
you have called us to be the church,
and so we share our skills, resources, and love.
Committed to the way of generosity, kindness, and grace,
we offer ourselves.
Receive all we offer today.
May each person who is touched by this offering
know your love for them. Amen.

by Laura Turnbull, from Gathering Worship

Centering Music – *a time for quiet reflection*

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Anthem Let My Prayer Come Up by Henry Purcell

Sermon Series “Unfinished: Out of the Depths”

Hymn **Voices United 266** “Amazing Grace”

Blessing & Passing the Peace



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.

In need of prayer or support? Contact our Circles of Companionship or Rev. Catherine at 613-546-9616 ext 203 or minister@sydenhamstreet.ca

Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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