



# Sydenham Street United Church



Reverend Catherine Elsdon  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
10 March 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 IV**  
**March 10, 2024**

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Introit** Humble Yourselves Under The Mighty Hand of God ~FRC Clarke

**Call to Worship**

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**All: God is gracious and merciful,  
abounding in steadfast love.**

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**God is gracious and merciful,  
abounding in steadfast love.**

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or challenging,

**God is gracious and merciful,  
abounding in steadfast love.  
We rejoice with thanksgiving!**

**Hymn**     Voices United 232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

**Theme Conversation**

**Lent Candle Liturgy**

God of creation and compassion,  
forgive us when we are quick to judge  
and slow to show mercy.

*candle is extinguished*

You promise to finish the work you have begun in us.  
Until that time, we remain underway—sojourners on a long trek.  
Help us to recognize  
that you are both our destination  
and our most faithful companion,

reminding us who you are,  
what you have given us,  
and how we are to love. Amen.

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

### **Scripture**

**Jonah 3:10-4:11**

One: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** Voices United 684 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

### **Announcements**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Dedicating our Gifts**

O God,

Teach us your ways of justice

and lead us to practice your generosity,

so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel

made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Centering Music – a time for quiet reflection**

### **Prayers of the People**

by Christine Longhurst

### **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**      “Agnus Dei”      by Lee Dengler

**Sermon Series**      “Unfinished: Out of the Depths”  
The Story of Jonah

**Hymn**      Voices United 678      “For the Healing of the Nations”

**Blessing & Passing the Peace**



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**Thank You for Talents Shared Today:**

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