



Sydenham Street United Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent
17 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.

Order of Service
Lent 5
Mar 17, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Ave Verum

Edward Elgar

Acknowledging the Land

Call to Worship

Come away and be still.

We come to worship God.

Come find rest for your weariness,

We come to worship God.

Come with your joy and sorrow.

We come to worship God.

In this time, in this place, God waits for us!

Let us worship together!

(Wetaskiwin Writers, Grace Lutheran Church and First U.C., Wetaskiwin, Alta)

Hymn VU 120 – O Jesus I have Promised

Lent Candle Liturgy

Prayer:

Loving God, we confess our many faults to you.

We sin daily in small and large ways.

We are prideful and are not always obedient to your words. Forgive us for our wrongs. Teach us to live our lives humbly for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Candle is extinguished

God so loved the world that he sent God's only son to redeem us.

Jesus so loved his parent that he humbled himself to come to

Earth to save us. We are promised eternal life, by God's grace and love.

Assurance More Voices 62 "There is Room for all"x2

Scripture

John 12:20-33;

Psalm 119:9-16 (VU pp838-839 part2 Beth)

One: Word of God, word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn VU 111 – “As the Sun with Longer Journey”

Invitation to the Offering (Invitation and Dedication -Rosemary Godin, First U.C., Trenton, N.S.)

Dedicating our Offering

Loving God, we come before you today in humility, acknowledging the gifts you give us. We ask that you now receive our gifts, the fruits of our labours, our hands, and our hearts. May they be used to glorify your name. Amen

Anthem Lacrimosa

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Reflection Making the Journey Again!

Ian Malcolm

Centering Music

Prayers of the People (Together We Worship)

A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer by G. Epp, Edmonton AB

God, who gives birth to the world, who gives us breath,

fill us with your light, and help us to usher in

your reign of love, justice and peace here on earth.

Tune us to the harmony of the heavens.

Teach us to sing your name.

Grant us wisdom, hope and compassion

for all living things, and feed us what we need each day.

Free us from what binds us,

as we release others from guilt and shame.

Help us to focus on what is good, and to do what is right.

Teach us how to love.

Renew our hearts, our minds, our strength,

and make us whole, and wholly yours. Amen

Hymn MV 1 – Let Us Build a House

A Lenten Prayer VU 110

God of love,
As in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way
where Christ leads us;
help our lips speak the truth
that Christ teaches us,
fill our bodies with the life
that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Blessing and 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:

Vicki Ruthven
Ian Malcolm
Howard Lopez, Music Director
Sydenham Street Choir
Rosalind Malcolm, Reader

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