

The logo features a stylized cross with a blue center and a red outline, surrounded by colorful, overlapping curved lines in red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

Sydenham Street United Church

Sydenham St. United Church
Fall Worship Series

The background of the poster is a collage of autumn leaves in various shades of yellow, orange, and brown, with white wavy lines separating the text sections.

SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

*Peace with God. Peace within.
Peace with creation. Peace with others.
Seeking God's shalom in our lives and communities.*



Sundays at The Spire
82 Sydenham Street, Kingston

Reverend Catherine Elsdon
21 September, 2025
11:00 am

For thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples have cared for the land on which we live and worship. We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship and we recognize what was taken from them. We too are called to live with respect in creation: to honour the Creator; to protect the land, the water, and all living beings; to find, together, a path of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

September 21, 2025

Welcome

As an Affirming ministry,
Sydenham Street United Church is committed to
**following the way of Jesus,
seeking justice,
and nurturing inclusive community.**

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather now in awe

Group 1 (choir): of the One who has searched us and known us,

Group 2: the Alpha and the Omega.

Leader: We come together in praise

Group 1: of the One for whom night is as bright as day,

Group 2: who was and who is and who is to come.

Leader: We open ourselves to the presence

Group 1: of the One who has formed inside and out,

Group 2: the Creator God.

Leader: So let us lift our hearts and our voices

to worship our God,

Group 1: who holds us and leads us,

Group 2: who is still with us—

All: now and always.

Hymn VU 293 “We Praise You, Creator” (Alt. hymn tune: St. Denio)

Theme Introduction

Candle Lighting & Centering Song

Then Let Us Sing 135 “Send Your Peace on Our World”

Send your peace on our world, God,

you, the creator of peace.

Our hearts fill with peace, God.

You are the source of healing peace.

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 139 (Voices United 861 with refrain)

For wisdom and good news,
thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 644 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose & Presentation of Candidate

- Julian Michael Yowakim

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

Let us proclaim our baptismal faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Commitment

We have heard the will of Julian’s parents. We receive him in Christ’s name, as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support Julian with your love, example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Act of Baptism

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

Sung Response Voices United 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God,

we want to participate in your creative work—

in all that you are forming and knitting and weaving and birthing.

So we give these humble offerings,

knowing that you see the sacrifice they represent

and the spirit in which they are given. Amen.

Anthem Brother James's Air (Marosa)

Arranged with descant by Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want,

He makes me down to lie In pastures green.

He leadeth me The Quiet Waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,

And me to walk doth make Within the Paths of Blessedness,

E'en for His own Name's sake. Within the Paths of Blessedness,

Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me, and Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;

My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me;

And in my Father's heart al way, My dwelling place shall be.

And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.

Seeking Peace Together Fall Sermon Series

Peace Within – “Known & Loved”

Hymn Voices 278 “In the Quiet Curve of Evening”

Embodied Scripture Meditation & Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (sung)

Our Father, our Mother,
loving God in whom is heaven,
may your name be made holy,
may your reign come.
May your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need
and forgive us our debts
as we have forgiven our debtors.
And do not put us to the test
but free us from evil,
for yours is the dominion
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words: United Church of Christ USA, 1995, adapted.

Music: Wendy Edey, 2002

Hymn Voices United 420 “Go to the World”

Blessing

Passing the Peace

Sydenham Street United Church strives to
follow in the way of Jesus,
seek justice and
nurture inclusive community.



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

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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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