



Sydenham Street United Church

Sydenham St. United Church
Fall Worship Series



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

Dr. Joe Burley
28 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 28, 2025

Introit: As Torrents in Summer

- from the Cantata "King Olaf", Words by Longfellow, Music by Edward Elgar.
As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, suddenly rise, tho' the Sky is still cloudless, the sky is still cloudless
For rain, for rain has been falling, falling
Far off at their fountains; So hearts that are fainting
Grow full to o'reflowing, And they that behold it, they that behold it Marvel,
and know not marvel, and know not That God,
that God at their fountains, their fountains Far off, far off has been raining!

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, Prayer for Orange Shirt Day

Call to Worship

One: Jesus says, "Do not worry about your life."

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus asks, "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?"

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, "Look at the birds of the air . . .
consider the lilies of the field."

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God."

Many: And so we gather, now, to worship.

Hymn: More Voices 41 "O Beautiful Gaia

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

Matthew 6:25-34

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

Hymn Voices United 356 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

Connecting & Contributing

Mission and Service Minute

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem – A Gentle, Alleluia

Words by Douglas Nolan Music by Heather Sorensen

Sing a gentle Alleluiain the stillness of this place.
Lift a tender song of worship ...as you contemplate God's grace.
Let the music of forever calm your spirit, ease your mind,
as you listen for a whisperfrom the heart of the Divine.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Sing a gentle alleluiaas you contemplate God's grace.

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Peace Within – “Letting go of Worry” - Dr Joe Burley

Hymn Voices United 288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we thank you for all that we receive
from the abundance of your earth: for food and water,
shelter and clothing, beauty and joy in abundance.

Many: God of life, we give you thanks.

One: We thank you that life is more than food and the body more than clothing, that our deepest call and truest peace comes in working with you toward your reign of love.

Many: God of life, we give you thanks.

One: Be with those suffering in body and spirit and those carrying a heavy load of fear and worry.

Many: In your mercy, God, hear our prayer.

One: Be with all people who worry about what they will eat or what they will drink or where they will sleep or what they will wear. Ease their anxieties and provide for their needs.

Many: In your mercy, God, hear our prayer.

One: Let your church truly seek first your kingdom, offering daily sustenance to those in need and working with you for a better world.

Many: In your mercy, God, hear our prayer.

One: Let our leaders be dedicated to establishing communities that exemplify your love and justice and not their own power.

Many: In your mercy, God, hear our prayer.

One: Holy One, let us carry these prayers in our hearts and live them with our lives. Amen.

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”

Benediction (from Matthew 11:28–30)

A Quiet Blessing of Peace

Words by Douglas Nolan, Music by Heather Sorenson

May the truth of the Word go before you.
May the candle of the Lord light your way,
and may the music of the Spirit be your song of life.
May you know the Wonder of God's grace.
May you know the Wonder of God's grace.
Go in peace, Go in peace.

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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Catherine Purcell, Reader

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