



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

Reverend Catherine Elsdon
7 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 7, 2025

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

by Heather McClure, from *Gathering*

God calls us all to faith.

In faith, we come to worship.

God calls us all in love.

In love, we come to worship.

God calls us all to prayer.

In prayer, we come to worship.

God calls us all to share our praise.

In praise, we come to worship.

Let us worship with all that we are as we gather this day
in the welcoming presence of the Spirit.

Hymn More Voices “Let Us Build a House”

Theme Introduction

Opening Prayer

Creating God, for all in our lives that feels
weary and wearing, hard and heavy,

let us be born anew.

For all that feels petty and predictable,
mundane and meaningless,

let us be born from above.

Amidst the struggles of these earthly lives,

let us be reborn in the Spirit each day.

Remove our hearts of stone, O God.

Give us open hearts. Give us new spirits.

Amen.

Scripture

John 3:1–21

For wisdom and good news,

thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 376 “Spirit of the Living”

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, help us to share our time and our worship,
our finances and our hearts.

Please use all these gifts we offer
to further your love in our world. Amen.

Anthem Psalm 139 : 1-8. 23-24

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched and known me,
You know everything I do.

When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say; your presence
follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?

Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there, you are there. you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me,

Try me and know my heart.

See if there be any wicked in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen

Seeking Peace Together Fall Sermon Series

Peace with God – “Born of the Spirit”

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.

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 in 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 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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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