



Sydenham Street
United Church



November 2, 2025

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship (*from Colossians 3:12–15*)

Leader: We gather as God's people, holy and beloved.

Group 1: In the face of indifference, we gather with compassion.

Group 2: In the face of cruelty, we choose kindness.

Group 1: When so many boast, we gather with humility.

Group 2: Though others seek vengeance, we value meekness.

Group 1: Under pressure to rush and hurry, we strive for patience.

Group 2: We gather together as God's holy and beloved people.

Leader: Let us bear with one another and forgive one another.

Group 1: Even as Jesus bears with us.

Group 2: Even as Jesus forgives us.

Leader: Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love,

All: which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: As we worship together, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Hymn Voices United 595 "We Are Pilgrims"

Theme Introduction

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Genesis 33:1-17

Psalms 34:8-14

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

Connecting & Contributing

Minute for Mission and Service

Dedicating Our Offering Voices United 540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”

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

Choir Anthem Verleih' uns Frieden (Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord)

– Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord,
grant us thy peace enduring for there is none,
none with the strength, who could so firmly defend us.
For thou art our hope and safety.
grant us thy peace enduring for there is none,
Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord, Grant us thy peace enduring,
for there is none, none with the strength who could so firmly defend us.
For thou art our hope and safety!

***Seeking Peace Together* Fall Sermon Series**

Peace with Others – Dr. Michael Cooke

Hymn "Peace Is Flowing Like a River"

1 Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

2 Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

3 Hope is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

4 Love is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

5 Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

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.

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



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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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