



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
19 October, 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.

Welcome Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

One: Let anyone who is thirsty come!

Many: We come to receive the living water.

Let anyone who is hungry come!

There is enough food for all.

Let anyone who is tired come!

God calls us to a time of holy rest.

Let anyone who is grateful come

and join this celebration!

Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,

we come together now in worship.

Hymn Voices United 226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Theme Introduction & Candle Lighting

Introit Harvest Anthem – The Lord Is Good -- Christopher Tye

The Lord is good! His love will raise a joyful harvest song.

Sing "He is good!" and let His praise from ev'ry tongue be heard.

The Lord is good !He gives us bread; He gives His children more;

Him their souls with grace are fed , with grace are fed.

A rich and endles store

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Leviticus 23:33–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15

For wisdom and good news,

thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 307 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Lavish God, the riches you have given us
in creation are overwhelming.

We are in awe of all that you have formed,
of the life that courses through this world.

We are humbled to be part of your creation,
and honored to participate in the divine life.
Receive these gifts we offer as signs of our gratitude
and as one small way we choose to work with you
to bring peace to all of creation. Amen.

Anthem Creation Hymn – Ludwig van Beethoven

The stars rejoicing, in splendour adore Him, Creator of each glorious sphere,
The sea, the tempest, do homage before Him.
Let man, His child in faith, draw near.
Who speeds the sun in his chariot yonder To bless with warmth the fruitful sod
Divine immortal, in beauty and wonder, All nature leads mankind to God,

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Peace with Creation – “Rejoicing in the Harvest”

Hymn More Voices 173 “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

Reflection & Prayer

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.

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Music: Wendy Edey, 2002

Hymn Voices United 424 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Blessing

Choral Benediction “May the Peace of God Be Your Peace” (MV 222)

Passing the Peace

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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