



Sydenham Street United Church



Reverend Catherine Elsdon
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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.

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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

One: Let us seek God, who can be found.

Many: Let us call upon God, who is near.

As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

**let us receive the word of God
offered in this place.**

Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.

Let us burst into song with the mountains

and clap our hands with the trees.

Let us worship God together with joy.

Hymn More Voices 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Theme Introduction & Candle Lighting

Introit

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 55:6–13

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

Hymn Voices United 217 "All Creatures of Our God" (verses 1-4)

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we have received your word

and know that it will not return to you empty.
Your word returns with these offerings we make:
offerings of time, of talent, of money, of ourselves.
Receive these gifts and rain them down again
on your world to water the seeds of your peace. Amen.

Anthem "Lord of Our Life " Music: F.R.C. Clarke, Words: Philip Pusey
Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
Star of our night, and Hope of ev'ry nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication, Lord God Almighty.
Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armour faileth:
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er thy Rock, nor death, nor Hell. Prevaileth; Grant us Thy peace, Lord.
Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church, where brothers are engaging;
Peace, when the world its busy war is waging: Calm Thy foe's raging.
Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth, that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth, or, after we have striven, Peace in Thy heaven

Seeking Peace Together Fall Sermon Series

Peace with Creation – "Rejoicing with Creation"

Hymn More Voices 37 "Each Blade of Grass"

Prayers of the People

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creation, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and small, that we and they may thrive in harmony with one another, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture, aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For your Church, that we your people may use our gifts and resources thoughtfully and responsibly and shine as your light in the world, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

In the presence of your Spirit and this caring community, we read aloud the prayers of your people this day...

Adapted from "Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation", The Episcopal Church

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 VU page 884 "Isaiah 55 (You Shall Go Out with Joy) x 3

Blessing

Passing the Peace

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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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