



# 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**  
**5 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.

October 5, 2025

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

One: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

**Many: Again we say, rejoice!**

Rejoice in God's continual presence.

**Again we say, rejoice!**

Rejoice in the Creator's wonderful works.

**Again we say, rejoice!**

Rejoice in God's peace that surpasses  
all understanding.

**Again we say, rejoice!**

Let us sing praises to God as we  
worship together.

**Again we say, rejoice!**

**Hymn** VU 577 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*\*prayer requests collected*

**Theme Introduction**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture**

Philippians 4:4–9

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

**Connecting & Contributing**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we consider it a privilege  
to offer our gifts today.

We present these offerings with thanksgiving and joy,  
gently releasing a portion of our resources back to you.

Let your peace fill us  
so that we are not anxious about anything  
but rejoice in you always. Amen.

**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**

One: Holy One, guard our hearts and our minds so that we might think about those things that are true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

**Many: We pray to you with thanksgiving.**

One: For those who are being deceived and those caught up in falsehood,

**Many: God of truth, hear our prayer.**

One: For those who are oppressed and those who use power unjustly,

**Many: God of justice, hear our prayer.**

One: For those who suffer and those who cause pain,

**Many: God of pleasure, hear our prayer.**

One: For those who create beauty and those who long to find it,

**Many: God, who is worthy of praise, hear our prayer.**

One: In the presence of your Spirit and this caring community, we name our joys and worries...

...Receive these prayers for our world, and grant us your peace which surpasses all understanding.

**Many: 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

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

Peace Within – “Rejoicing Brings Peace”

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Anthem “Room at the Table”** Pamela Stewart, Music: David Lantz III

There is room at the table, a place at the feast.  
There is room for each burden you long to release.  
Ev'ry heartache you carry, each private despair;  
bring them all to the table, surrender them there.  
There is room for the bread that is broken in two.  
It is offered for all that is broken in you.  
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.  
You must only accept it; be fully restored, restored.  
There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.  
It is offered to you at this table of mine.  
Come be filled with remembrance it of My sacrifice my  
All you're emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.  
There is room at the table, so come take your place.  
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace.  
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.  
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

### **Communion Prayer**

**Communion Hymn** VU 477 “I Come with Joy” *\*servers come forward*

### **Sharing the Bread & Cup**

The bread of life. **Amen.**

The cup of blessing. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Nurturing, Nourishing God,  
we thank you for this meal we have shared.  
We thank you for each person gathered here with us

and for those gathered at your table around the world.  
Just as the sacred meal is now within our bodies,  
we know that you abide in us and we abide in you.  
As we have reenacted a small part of your story today,  
let us go forth to live out even more of your story—  
offering ourselves in peace, love, and service to the world.  
May this bread give us strength,  
may this cup give us joy,  
for the holy work ahead. Amen.

**Hymn** Voices United 716 “My Life Flows On”

**Blessing**

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](mailto:minister@sydenhamstreet.ca)

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**Thank You for Talents Shared Today:**

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