



Affirming Anniversary

16 November, 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.

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Prelude Prayer of St. Francis by Allen Pote

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

(from John 15:4; Philippians 4:7; Ephesians 2:14; Isaiah 55:12)

We gather in this place seeking peace with God

in whom we abide, and who abides in us.

We gather in this place seeking peace within ourselves,

**praying that God's peace would guard our hearts
and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

We gather in this place seeking peace with each other,

for Christ is breaking down

the dividing walls of hostility between us.

We gather in this place seeking peace with creation.

Let us breathe in the breath of life.

Let us sing a new world of peace and hope into being.

Hymn "Sing a New World Into Being"

from *Songs for the Holy Other*

Theme Introduction

Opening Prayer

Connecting & Contributing

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

Scripture

Matthew 5:21-24

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

Apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ People and Communities

Hymn "Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us" from *Songs for the Holy Other*

Seeking Peace Together Fall Worship Series

Peace with Others – A Dialogue with The Rev. Dr. Nan Hudson

Anthem Prayer of St. Francis by Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be Faith.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

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

Hymn Voices United 633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Blessing

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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*This worship service is a public event livestreamed on YouTube – please be advised that you may be photographed or videorecorded while in attendance

Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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Reverend Nan Hudson

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