

The logo for Sydenham Street United Church features a stylized cross in the center, composed of overlapping, curved lines in a rainbow spectrum of colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

# 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.

**Nov 9, 2025**

*You are invited to place your poppy or dove on the mobile  
before the service begins.*

## **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**

We come from the chaos of the world,  
**seeking to be centered in God.**

We come from the confusion of the world,  
**seeking the truth of God.**

We come from the foolishness of the world,  
**seeking the wisdom of God.**

We come from the hunger of the world,  
**seeking the nourishment of God.**

We come from the violence of the world,  
**seeking the peace of God.**

We gather together now,  
with God and with each other.

**May God bless our time of worship.**

**Hymn** Voices United 678 “For the Healing of the Nations”

### **Theme Introduction**

**Opening Prayer for Peace** Voices United 692

### **Connecting & Contributing**

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

**Remembrance Day Reflections** – Dr. Phil Teillet

**Anthem** In Flanders Fields – Eleanor Daley

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead.  
Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved and now we lie In Flanders fields.  
Take up take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw The torch;  
be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep,  
though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

**Scripture**

2 Kings 6 (selected verses)

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

**Hymn** MV 173 “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands” (verse 1-3, 4a, 5a)

**Communion Prayer** *by Alydia Smith (adapted)*

God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts in prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We rejoice to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...In sharing this meal:

**We proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

### **Prayer of Jesus**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kin(g)dom come,  
Thy will be done  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kin(g)dom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**  
The cup of blessing. **Amen.**

### **Anthem During Communion** Dear Land of Home – Jean Sibelius

Dear Land of home, our hearts to thee are holden  
By loyal love for each familiar scene;  
Thy mountains guard the fields of grain all golden,  
Thy rivers flow thro' meadows of green.  
Thy mountains guard the fields of grain all golden, thy Rivers flow  
thro' meadows of green.  
Thy children we, our love and pride confessing  
In this fair land, this pleasant place of home;  
And may we strive to bring a richer blessing  
To crown thee now, and thro' years to come.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.  
We are fed by your love;  
we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world  
to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.  
We are now commissioned to:  
feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved,  
seeking peace together. Amen.

**Hymn** Voices United 684 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

**Blessing**

**Closing Benediction** God Be In My Head – Lawrence Ritchey

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking ;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end and at my departing,  
Amen, Amen.

**Passing the Peace**

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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