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Sydenham Street United Church



February 15, 2026
11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

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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

Introit He Shall Call Upon Me – Healey Willan

*Antiphon: He shall call upon Me, and I shall answer him;
I will deliver him and honour him. With a long life, I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.*

*Psalm: He dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High,
Shall bide under the shadow of the Almighty*

Call to Worship

Hymn VU 374 – Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Theme Introduction

Hymn VU 703 – In The Bulb There is a Flower

Lighting Christ Candle and Peace Candle

Sung Response: MV 82, v. 1

Anthem To Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift Up My Soul

Words from Psalm 25. V 1,2 , Music by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Opening Prayer

Augustine of Hippo, 5th-Century bishop and theologian, adapt.

Eternal God,

Light of the minds that know you,

The joy of the hearts that love you

And the strength of the wills that serve you:

Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,

**So to love you that we may fully serve you,
Whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.**

Scripture:

Psalm 103:13-18

Isaiah 40:6-8

John 12:23-24

Sermon This, Too, Shall Pass

Hymn VU 278 – In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Connecting and Contributing Announcements – Offering

Anthem May a Rainbow Run Beside You

Special Dedication to Bruce Hutchinson by Barb Carr on behalf of the Choir

May Love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue,

and may happiness fill your heart each day,

and bless you your whole life through.

May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures.

May a rainbow run beside you, the best to you and yours.

May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue

and may happiness fill your heart each day and bless you your whole life through.

~Words from Traditional Irish Blessings Music by Mark Burrows Vitoria

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

Hymn VU 670 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Blessing and Passing the Peace

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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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