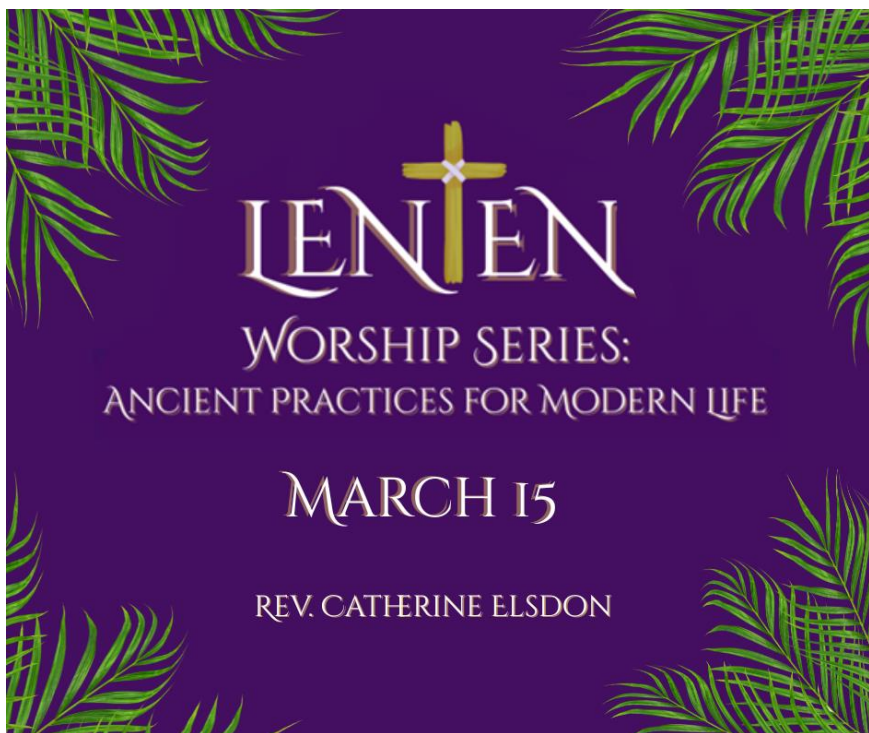




SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



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.

March 15, 2026

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship by Wetaskiwin Writers, *Gathering*

Come away and be still.

We come to worship God.

Come find rest for your weariness.

We come to worship God.

Come with your joy and sorrow.

We come to worship God.

In this time, in this place, God waits for us!

Let us worship together!

Hymn Voices United 395 “Come in, Come in Sit Down”

Theme Introduction

Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 95, VU 814

God’s Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 376 “Spirit of the Living God”

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
bless and transform all that we offer:
our faltering steps,
our brokenness,
our hope, our risking, our hearts,
that your covenant may be written on our hearts
and we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people.
In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Choir Anthem A Gentle Alleluia – Heather Sorenson & Douglas Nolan

Sing a gentle alleluia in the stillness of this place.

Lift a tender song of worship
as you contemplate God's grace.

Let them music of forever calm your spirit,
ease your mind,

as you listen for a whisper from the heart of the Divine
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing a gentle alleluia
as you contemplate God's grace.

Lenten Series: Ancient Practices for Modern Life

"You who want ..."

BY HADEWIJCH II

TRANSLATED BY JANE HIRSHFIELD

You who want
knowledge,
seek the Oneness
within.

There you
will find
the clear mirror
already waiting.

Sung Response More Voices 77 "Be Still & Know" x2

PIE Day Prayers of the People by Robin Wardlaw, *Gathering*

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

Series Hymn More Voices 153 “Body, Mind and Spirit”

Choral Blessing A Quiet Blessing of Peace

– Heather Sorenson & Douglas Nolan

Passing the Peace

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seek justice and
nurture inclusive community.



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