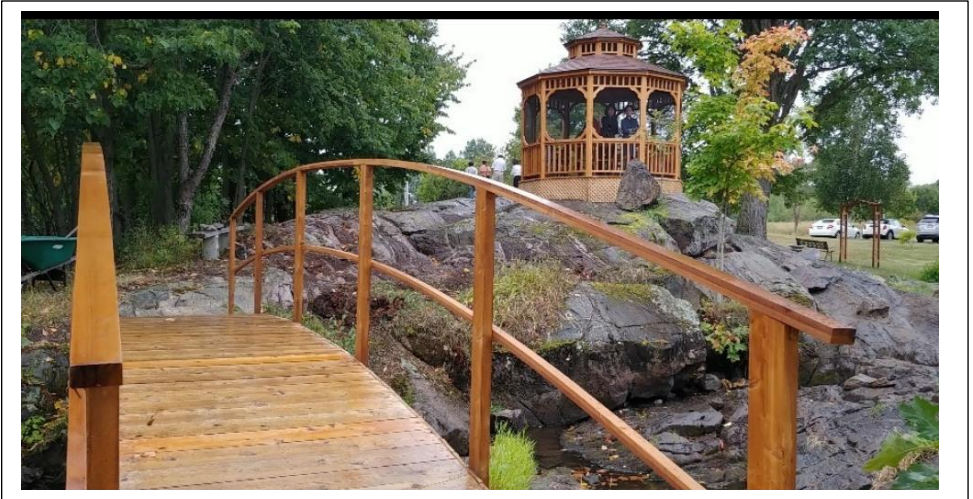


SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



Sunkeun Bang
April 12, 2026
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.

Order of Service

April 12, 2026

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

L: Today as we gather to mark earth day, let us give thanks for the creation:

P: We give thanks for the land that holds us, feeds us and amazes us with its beauty.

L: Let us pay attention to creation when it trembles and cries.

P: We listen when the earth moves with winds and tremors, with rain and snowstorms, icy cold and heat waves. We ask what are we to do when it gets too hot or too wet or too dry.

L: Let us invite the land to provide for us:

P: We ask for abundant wheat fields, orchards and vineyards, gardens and wetlands for all living beings.

L: Let us invite the ground to stir deep below:

P: We celebrate life-giving microbes that restore the soil and the beetles and worms that feed the cycle of the earth our food.

L: As we worship, let us celebrate the songs of the earth:

P: We give thanks for the songs of the birds, the croaking of the frogs, the barking of the dogs, the chirping of the crickets and the hooting of the owls.

L: Let us use this time of worship to rejoice in all God's creation and recognize our role as stewards.

P: Amen

Hymn: As comes the breath of spring VU 373

Theme Introduction

Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 24 VU 751

Hymn: God of the Sparrow VU 229

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Music by Gabriel Faure

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance

Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux

De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:

Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante;

Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;

Dissipe ce sommeil d'une âme languissante

Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

O Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle

Pour te bénir maintenant assemblé;

Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle

Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comble

Word equal to the Most High, our only hope Eternal day of earth and heaven

From the peaceful night we break the silence:

Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us

Pour out upon us the fire of your mighty grace;

May all hell flee at the sound of your voice; Dispel this sleep from a

languishing soul That leads it to forget your laws!

O Christ! be favorable to this faithful people To bless you now gathered;

Receive the songs they offer to your immortal glory

And may they return filled with your gifts

Sermon: "I thought it was mine."

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 O World of God VU258

Sung Benediction

Passing the Peace

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nurture inclusive community.



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Howard Lopez, Music Director
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