



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



April 26, 2026

11:00 am

Reverend Catherine Elsdon

Our congregation meets on traditional
Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.
We are grateful to live, worship and gather on this land,
as we join together to share in the care of God's creation.

April 26, 2026

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introit Make A Joyful Noise Unto God, All Ye Lands -Healey Willan
*Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands;
Sing forth the honour of his name; Make His praise glorious.
Say unto God,
How terrible art Thou in thy works!
Through the greatness of Thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves
unto Thee.*

Call to Worship

May the God of grace be welcome in our midst,
the One who breathes life into all creation.
May we receive the power and peace of divine love,
as the earth receives the rain and the sun.
Come, let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies,
attuned to the rhythms of wind and water, soil and sky.
Let us join together in a song of praise to our Maker!

Hymn More Voices 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

Theme Introduction

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God,
you speak to us in many ways:
in the song of a bird,
in the babbling of a brook,
in the voices of our friends,
in the hug from a caregiver,
in the songs we sing,
and in the stories of the Bible.
Speak to us now through the reading of scripture.
Help us to hear your voice
and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3; Leviticus 25:1-7

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

Hymn Voices United 384 "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Accept, O God, this money offered,
these gifts given,
the goodwill of our hearts—
that disappointment may be turned to hope,
and worry may be turned to wonder,
in the spirit of Easter. Amen.

Choir Anthem Ave Verum (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate)

-Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate,
Of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body,
For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by Blood and Water Streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy Body broken
Now and in death's agony
Now, now, now, now and in death's agony*

Reflection "Hobbits at Heart"

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

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 409 “Morning Has Broken”

Blessing & Sending Forth

Passing the Peace

**Jesus greeted his disciples with the word, “Peace.” You are invited to turn to your neighbour and greet them warmly with words of peace and care.*

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

***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:

Reverend Catherine Elsdon, Minister
Howard Lopez, Music Director
Sydenham Street Choir
Vicki Ruthven, Reader

82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON K7L 3H4
613-542-9616 ext. 202

Email: admin@sydenhamstreet.ca

Web: <https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/>

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

Thank you for your financial support!

There are many ways to financially contribute to the ministries at
Sydenham Street United Church

- Electronic Transfer (eTransfer) givings@sydenhamstreet.ca
- Donate by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- Donate through [CanadaHelps](#)
- Place donation in offering plates at the sanctuary doors

For further information:

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>