



SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

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.

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Prelude Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One – Healey Willan

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of singing of birds is come;
arise my love, my fair one and come away, come away, away.*

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introit for Easter Thanks Be To God – FRC Clarke

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

Surely God is in this place.

Hymn Voices United 155 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Connect & Contribute

Opening Prayer

Anthem Alleluia – Randall Thompson

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

An Easter Festival of Lessons and Hymns

Reading: The Women at the Tomb *Matthew 28:1-10*

Response: Voices United 166 "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

Reading: The Walk to Emmaus *Luke 24:13-35*

Response: VU 184 "As We Walked Home at Close of Day"

(Verses 1-4) Alt tune O WALY WALY (VU 372)

Reading: Jesus Appears to the Disciples *John 20:19-25*

Response: VU 185 "You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen"

Invitation to Communion

Communion Prayer

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Most High.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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

Sharing the Bread & Cup

The Bread of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Blessing. **Amen.**

**all are welcome to come forward and receive the elements; you are invited to respond to the server with the words "Thanks be to God" or "Amen"*

**a server will come around if you prefer to be served in your seat*

Prayer after Communion by Frances Flook, *Gathering*

Closing Hymn Voices United 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Blessing

Like the women who ran to share the Good News
of the empty tomb,

let us go forth with joy.

Like the travellers walking on the Emmaus Road,

let us go forth with opened minds.

Like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit,

let us go forth with peace.

Like Thomas, filled with doubt,

let us go forth with faith.

And may the blessing of the Risen Christ go with us,
this day and always. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Words for Worship from *A Sanctified Art, Gathering*, Catherine Elsdon

Words for Scripture adapted from *The Message*

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follow in the way of Jesus,
seek justice and
nurture inclusive community.



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