



**SYDENHAM STREET**  
UNITED CHURCH



**May 10, 2026**  
**11:00 am**

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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## 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** 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

How quietly the earth breathes forth new life.

How eagerly the sun bleeds forth the spring

**I am listening.**

I am listening to seeds breaking open,

**to roots growing strong beneath the ground,**

to tree shoots rising up from winter wombs.

**I am listening to thorns blossoming,**

to barren branches laughing out new growth,

**to wildflowers dancing through the meadows.**

I am listening

**I am listening to the growing in the garden of my heart.**

I am listening to my heart singing songs of resurrection.

**I am listening to the colours of life.**

I am listening to the poetry of spring.

**We are listening.**

We are listening as we calm our hearts and still our minds and  
prepare for worship.

**Hymn** VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

## **Theme Introduction: Seeds and Soil**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Loving God,  
you speak to us in many ways:  
in the song of a bird,  
In the sprout of a seed,  
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**

Matthew 13:31-32

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

**Hymn** VU 703 "In the Bulb there is a Flower"

### **Connecting & Contributing**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**We bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Here is the work of our hands,  
and here is the love of our hearts.  
Accept them and use them,  
to bring hope and healing to your world. Amen**

#### **Anthem** "Psalm 139 : 1-8. 23-24"

*Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do  
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say; your presence  
follows me day by day. Search me, O God, and know me,  
Try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

**Reflection:** Rogation Time

**Sung Response** MV 92 “Like a Rock”

### **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** MV 30 “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”

### **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.

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**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](mailto:minister@sydenhamstreet.ca)

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**Thank You for Talents Shared Today:**

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Vicki Ruthven  
Sydenham Street Choir  
Barb Parker, Reader

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