



SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



May 17, 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 for Ascensiontide

Words and music by F. R. C. Clarke

*God is gone up with a merry noise, God is gone up with a very noise,
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet
O sing praises unto our God, O sing praises unto our King!*

Call to Worship

Greetings to our siblings in the faith.

**We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed in our world.**

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

**We come as an Easter people
searching for ways to live out our faith.**

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

Let us calm our hearts and still our minds as we prepare for worship.

Hymn MV 1 "Let Us Build a House"

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

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 NRSV

Philippians 2:1-5 NRSV

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

Hymn VU 577 "I've Got Peace like a River"

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**

Choir Anthem Let My Prayer Come Up

Henry Purcell; arr. Sir Frederick Bridge

*Let my prayer come up into Thy presence as the incense,
Let my prayer as the incense, come into thy presence:
and let the lifting up ...of my hands
be as an evening sacrifice, a sacrifice.*

Reflection: Everyday Spirituality

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 VU 575 "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

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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In need of prayer or support? Contact our Circles of Companionship or Rev. Catherine at 613-546-9616 ext 203 or minister@sydenhamstreet.ca

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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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Sydenham Street Choir
Sue Irving, Reader

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