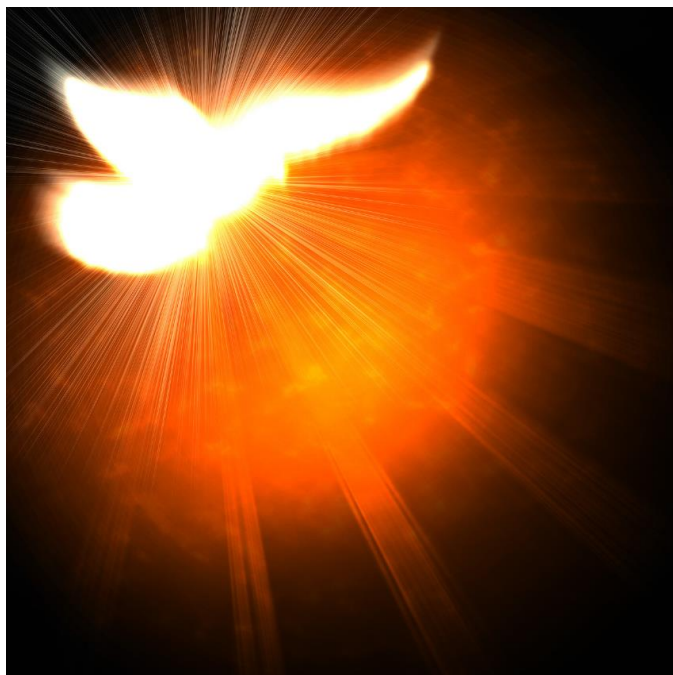




SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



Pentecost

May 24, 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 Pentecost

Words and music by F. R. C. Clarke

*Lord God, the Holy Ghost, In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost,
Descend in all Thy power, Descend in all Thy power!*

Call to Worship

Holy God, we come to worship this morning
brought together by your Spirit.

**It is your Spirit who teaches us to pray
and helps us be your faithful ones.**

We ask now for the presence of your Holy Spirit:

**come to us as wind and fire,
as bubbling laughter,
as healing touch,
or as the still small voice of peace**

Come, as we calm our hearts and still our minds as we prepare for worship.

Hymn VU 195 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

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

Acts 21:1-21: The Coming of the Holy Spirit (NRSV)

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

Hymn MV 79 "Spirit Open My Heart"

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 "Come to the Water"

Arranged by Anna Laura Page Words by Jeremy Blackwood

*Come to the water, Come refresh your Spirit; Find the righteousness of God.
Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us, renew our hearts forevermore.
Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine; wash us with Your
renewing power. We long for your touch, we long for Your peace,
Empower us, O Holy Lord. Born through the water and the Holy Spirit,
we come in faith to proclaim Your word.
Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being, make us disciples of Your grace.
Thank you, O Father: Guide us to your will divine.
Help us to be in the hands of Christ. Guide us, O Father, give us the courage
to walk the way that leads to You.
Amen, Amen 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: “And Suddenly There Came a Sound”

Sung Response VU 382 “Breathe on me Breath of God”

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

Blessing & Sending Forth VU380 “She Comes Sailing on the Wind”

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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