



**SYDENHAM STREET**  
UNITED CHURCH



June 14, 2026  
Pride Sunday  
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** Blessed Are Those Psalm 32: 1-2      Music by Charles Walker  
*Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven, whose sin has been put away,  
Blessed are those to whom God imputes no guilt,  
And in whose Spirit there is no deceit, no deceit,  
Blessed are those with no deceit.  
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed God,  
For whoever trusts in God is surrounded in steadfast love.*

**Call to Worship** by Jordan Sullivan

Oh, Love that will not let us go...

**Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.**

We are thankful, for the gifts of all Affirming Ministries and communities of faith who open their churches, their homes and their hearts to Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and all their intersecting identities. for music, friendship, and for family.

**We are thankful for the Love that will not let us go.**

We are thankful, for Pride Marches and Pride Month, for all those who publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that 2S-LGBTQ+ people are children of God.

**We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us.**

The truth at the heart of our faith – that you are Love - echoes today in words and in music, in friendships and family, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.

**We pray for our hearts and minds to be open to our own homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia, to be open to our own racism, sexism,**

**ableism, sizeism, and all the ways we fear those who are different from us.**

We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.

**We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.**

We pray in the name of the Love that flips tables and cracks whips, the Love that heals those judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and outcast.

**In Jesus name. Amen.**

**Hymn MV 1 “Let us Build a House”**

### **Theme Introduction**

**Hymn VU “In the Bulb There is a Flower”**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Eternal God,**

**in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;**

**in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;**

**and in the music of our lives, may your Word be sung. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

John 1:1-4,

Revelation 21:1-5

God’s Word is a lamp to our feet,

**and a light to our path. Amen.**

**Special Music** Prayer of St. Francis by Alan Pote

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.*

*Where there is doubt, let there be Faith.*

*Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.*

*Where there's despair, let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness, let there be light,*

*Where there is sadness, let there be joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.*

*To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.  
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
An instrument of thy peace. Amen.*

## **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** May a Rainbow Run Beside You by Mark Burrows

*May Love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home  
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.  
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue,  
and may happiness fill your heart each day,  
and bless you your whole life through.  
May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures.  
May a rainbow run beside you, the best to you and yours.  
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue  
and may happiness fill your heart each day and bless you your whole life through  
Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,  
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, in dwelling, and I with Thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun,  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler, be my Vision Lord.*

## Reflection

### Hymn of Reflection MV 21 “Open Our Hearts”

#### 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 138 “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

#### 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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