



# SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



June 4, 2026  
Union 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

## Union Sunday

### 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

**“Blessed is the One”** from *Circles of Grace* by Jan Richardson

Blessed is the One  
who comes to us  
**by the way of love  
poured out with abandon.**

Blessed is the One  
who walks toward us  
**by the way of grace  
that holds us fast.**

Blessed is the One  
who calls us to follow  
**in the way of blessing,  
in the path of joy.**

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

**Hymn** VU 395 “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

### Theme Introduction

**Hymn** VU 264 “Immortal, Invisible”

## **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**

Luke 15:1-32 Lost Sheep, Lost coin, Lost Son

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

**Hymn** VU 595 "The Servant Song"

## **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** "Be Though My Vision" Arr. Dan Forrest

*Be 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** Who is at the Table?

**Hymn** VU 486 "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"

**Service of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Remembrance**

**Lifting the Elements**

**Blessing**

All: **Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen!**

One: Come taste the Kin-dom, and know God is present with us here.

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer After Communion** (unison)

**Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place. You invite us to build a table and welcome all. Now that we are done, we pause to marvel. It has been a place to come together, to share stories and to make memories.**

**Flow through us, healing God. Use this food to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing your Kin-dom of love, justice, and mutuality.**

**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 884 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”**

**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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