



SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH

Sydenham Street United Church
Fall Worship & Study Series

**SEEKING JUSTICE
TOGETHER**

Worship Services: Sundays 11:00 am,
The Spire, 82 Sydenham St.

Conversation Group: Mondays 10:45 am,
Kingston East Community Centre



sydenhamstreet.ca

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

Sept 13, 2026

Introit O Taste and See *by Deborah Govenor*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship *by Tori Mullin, Gathering*

Welcome.

**We come together in this place
to worship God.**

Welcome.

We bring our insecurities and questions.

Welcome.

We bring our pain and sorrows.

Welcome.

We bring our joy, our hope.

Welcome.

**We are all welcome in this place to worship God.
Just as we are.**

Opening Hymn Voices United 402 *We Are One*

Theme Introduction & Question of the Day

Centering Song More Voices 21 *Open Our Hearts x 3 (remain seated)*

Opening Prayer

God of justice,
you are for all people,
comforting those who are hurting
and challenging us
whenever we become comfortable with exclusion.
Open our hearts to your Spirit.
May the words we hear,
the songs we sing,
the prayers we offer,
and the lives we live
reflect your love for the whole world.
Amen.

Scripture

James 1:27–2:8, 14–17

Response:

Hear these words from our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Voices United 457 *As We Gather at Your Table*

Prayers of the People

Fall Worship Series: Seeking Justice Together “Welcoming Everyone”
Musical Reflection

Invitation to Communion

Remembering Jesus at Table

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Jesus (*spoken in unison*)

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.

Communion Anthem The Welcome Table *arr. Joel Raney*

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

All who seek to be nourished in their spiritual journey with Christ are welcome to receive communion. You are invited to proceed down the centre aisle, receive the elements and return to your seat by the outer aisles. There are baskets located on front pews to discard your empty cup. If you prefer to be served in your seat, please wave to the server who is walking around. When you receive the elements, the following

words are spoken and you are encouraged to respond with the words in bold:

Server: The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.

Response: “Amen” or “Thanks be to God”

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,
may your gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.
May your presence among us
provoke such longing for your realm,
that we will never be satisfied
until the whole earth knows
your justice, your peace, and your love.
In Christ’s name, we pray.
Amen.

Closing Hymn More Voices 145 *Draw the Circle Wide*

Connecting & Contributing

Blessing

Passing the Peace

**At the conclusion of our service, you are invited to turn to your neighbour and say the words, “Peace be with you.” This phrase is an ancient greeting, used by Jesus and his earliest followers.*

Prayers adapted from “Current: Seeking Justice Together”

Sydenham Street United Church strives to
follow in the way of Jesus,
seek justice and
nurture inclusive community.



*This worship service is a public event livestreamed on YouTube – please be advised that you may be photographed or videorecorded while in attendance

Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

Rev. Catherine Elsdon
Howard Lopez, Music Director
Sydenham Street Choir
Catherine Purcell & Dana Charlton, Readers

82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON K7L 3H4
613-542-9616 ext. 202

Email: admin@sydenhamstreet.ca

Web: <https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/>

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

Thank you for your financial support!

There are many ways to financially contribute to the ministries at
Sydenham Street United Church

- Electronic Transfer (eTransfer) givings@sydenhamstreet.ca
- Donate by Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- Donate through CanadaHelps
- Place donation in offering plates at the sanctuary doors

For further information:

<https://sydenhamstreet.ca/ssuc1/donate/>