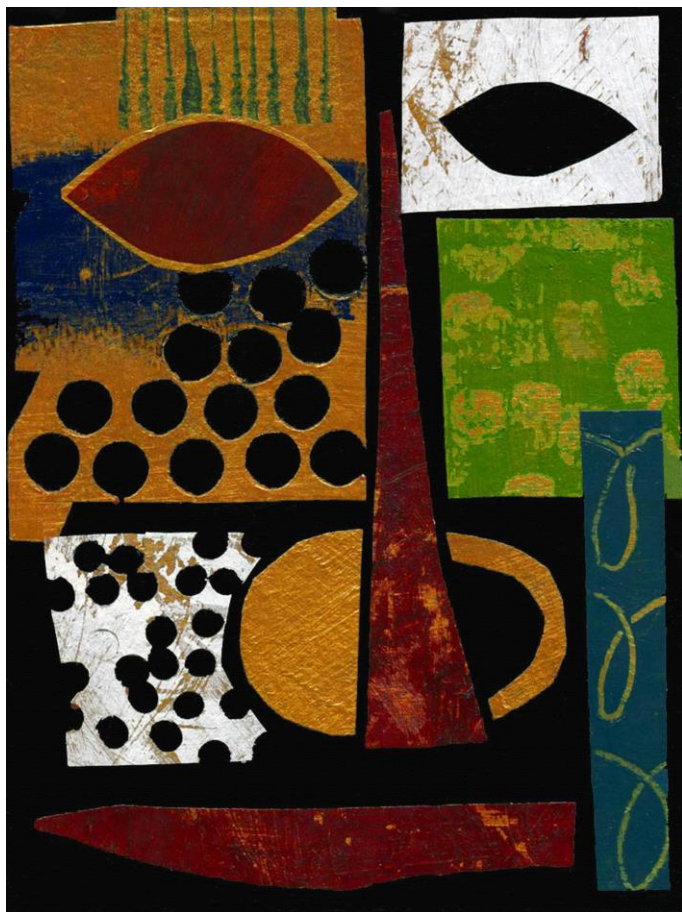




SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



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 20, 2026
Seeking Justice Together

Introit "Creation's Hymn" Ludwig Beethoven

*The stars rejoicing in splendour, adore Him
Creator of each glorious sphere
The sea, the tempest do homage before Him
Let man, His child in faith draw near
Who speeds the sun in his chariot yonder,
To bless with warmth the fruitful sod?
Divine immortal, in beauty and wonder,
All nature leads mankind to God,*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Let us gather for worship,
to hear again the prophets speak
and dream God's reign anew.

All are welcome in this place.

Let us gather for worship,
to offer songs of grace and prayers of faith.

All are welcome in this place.

In the welcome of Christ, we worship this day.

Opening Hymn More Voices 1 *Let Us Build a House* (verses 1,2,4,5)

Theme Introduction & Question of the Day

Centering Song MV 16 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* x2 (remain seated)

Opening Prayer

God of Justice,
you are often hidden in plain sight:
in those experiencing hunger or thirst,
sickness or imprisonment.
Open our minds that we may notice and understand.
Open our hearts that we may love.
Transform us into a people that live generously.

As we worship you today,
may the words from our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 25:31–46

Response:

Hear these words from our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Voices United 595 *The Servant Song*

Connecting & Contributing

Dedicating our Offering

In gratitude for all that you have given to us,
we offer these gifts to you
and our compassion to one another.
Bless what we have given in our offering
and received in our worship
so that your love may be extended
to this community and far beyond. Amen.

Choir Anthem “Look at the World” John Rutter

*Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way. (Refrain)
Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, All things come of thee.
Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain: (Refrain)
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold: (Refrain)*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.
Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing
All things come of thee, All things come of thee.*

Reflection “Christ in the Scraps”

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

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 Voices United 569 *You Call Us Out*

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.



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