



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



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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

September 6, 2026

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 19)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There are no words,
yet creation's voice goes out through all the earth.

**Come, let us join with all creation
to worship the God of justice,
hope, healing, and love.**

Opening Hymn Voices United 226 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Theme Introduction & Question of the Day

Centering Song More Voices 21 *Open Our Hearts (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

Psalm 19:1–6, Luke 4:14–30

Response: Hear these words from our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn More Voices 37 *Each Blade of Grass*

Connecting & Contributing

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

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.

Reflection “Jesus Calls for Justice”

Choir Anthem Brother James's Air - (Psalm 23)

Music by James Leith Mcbeeth Bain (1890)

Descant and accompaniment by Gordon Jacon
Lyrics by King David

- 1) The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie,
In pastures green, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.
- 2) My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the Paths of Blessedness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake.
Within the Paths of Blessedness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake
- 3) Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, And Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.
Thy Rod and Staff me Comfort still , me comfort still.
- 4) My table Tho hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
- 5) Goodness and mercy all my days, Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always, My dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.

Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, Companioning Christ,
and Holy Spirit,
as we seek to live as you have called us,
we face struggles and challenges.
We are exhausted by the suffering
and sorrow, so we turn to you now.

Source of Comfort, be with those who are
weeping and seeking peace. God of life . . .

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: Source of Light, illuminate the shadows
for those who feel lost and in need of
guidance. God of life . . .

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: Source of Peace, make things right for
those who are suffering because things
have gone so wrong. God of life . . .

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: Source of Love, gather in those who are
left out and those who long to belong.
God of life . . .

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: Source of Compassion, we name in community
the prayers of our hearts this day...
God of life ...

Many: Hear our prayer.

Fill us with your love and your hope.
Heal us and transform us
so that, as we are made whole,
we may be your disciples here on earth. **Amen.**

A 21st CENTURY LORD'S PRAYER

by Norm Esdon (*Poems for God-Questers* 2017)

Our Alpha and Omega,
- who is in, through, and beyond
all that was, is, and ever shall be -
Holy-Mystery-Wholly-Love
is your name;

Our Centre and Circumference,
may your way come,
may it be done
in our earthly orbit
as it is in yours;

Give us today just enough
to meet our daily needs;

Forgive us the harm we cause
in the same way we forgive
those who harm us;
Steer us away from temptation
to deliver us from evil;
For yours is the way,
 the power, and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn VU 567 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1,2,4,5)

Blessing

Passing the Peace

**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 for this service 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:

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