



SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCH



Seeking Justice Together

November 1, 2026
11 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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Introit *O How Glorious* Words and Music Healey Willan
O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ
Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

We gather on this All Saints' Day
to remember saints, past and present;
to receive the teachings they have passed down to us;
to offer thanksgiving for their legacy of faith.
We gather on this All Saints' Day
to worship the God of all generations!

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

Question of the Day & Theme Introduction

Centering Song MV14 *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* x 3
(remain seated)

Opening Prayer by Phyllis Fleming, Gathering

Scripture

Luke 19:1–10

Response: Hear these words from our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

**young people are invited to attend our Growing Spirits program*

Hymn Voices United 299 *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

Connecting & Contributing

Dedicating our Offering

O God, our gifts are given
to support the work of this faith community
and your peacemaking in the world.
Gather up our offerings,

bless them and multiply them,
so that your kingdom may come
and your will be done. Amen.

Blessing of the Shawls, Blankets, Squares

These shawls, blankets and squares are filled with prayers and hopes.
They are offered for all who need comfort, strength, or encouragement
through illness, sorrow, new beginnings, and life's many transitions.

**We give thanks for all who, inspired by God's love,
have created these gifts of caring.**

May God bless these items with love and healing grace.

**May all who receive them
feel surrounded by love and held in prayer,
now and always. Amen.**

Choir Anthem *Requiescat in Pace*

Music: T. Tertius Noble

*Souls of the Righteous, in the hand of God,
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh;
O holy hope of immortality, Souls of the Righteous,
in the hand of God.
Souls of the Righteous, in the hand of God,
To eyes of men unwise they seem to die,
They are at peace, O fairest liberty, Souls of the Righteous,
in the hand of God.
On earth as children chasten'd by Love's rod,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on High They shine like stars,
a golden galaxy, Souls of the Righteous, in the hand of God.*

Fall Series: Seeking Justice Together *All Saints Day*

Hymn *Voices United 400 God, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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 *When The Saints Go Marching In*

1. O, when the saints go marching in,
O, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.
2. O when the trumpet sounds its call
O when the trumpet sounds its call
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the trumpet sounds its call.
3. O when they gather 'round the throne,
O when they gather 'round the throne,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.
4. And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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.*

*You are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation in
the lower hall
following the worship service.*

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



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