



**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

## Season of Creation: Seeking Justice Together

Oct 4, 2026

**Introit** Song over the Waters

*Words and Music by Marty Haugen*

*Refrain: God you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.*

*1) Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus, let us shine with your light and peace. R*

*2) Give us a thirst for love, give us a hunger for justice, make us one with the mind of Christ. R*

*3) You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless, come fill us with light and peace. R*

*4) Come, open ev'ry heart, come now and wake us to wonder, make us vessels of light and peace. R*

### Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 1)

**One:** Blessed are those

who seek the ways of God,  
who walk in love and peace,  
and make room for grace.

**Many:**

**We are like trees  
planted beside streams of water,  
rooted deeply,  
growing steadily,  
and bearing good fruit.**

**One:** God is with us on the journey,  
nourishing us, guiding us,  
and helping us flourish.

**Many:**

**May we be rooted in love,  
open to wisdom,  
and attentive to the ways of God.**

**One:** Let us worship together.

**Opening Hymn** Voices United 265 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

**Question of the Day & Theme Introduction**

## **Centering Song** MV 16 *Come and Fill Our Hearts x 2 (remain seated)*

### **Opening Prayer**

God of Justice,  
you do not tolerate unfair actions  
that hurt the most vulnerable,  
and yet we confess that sometimes  
we are the ones who hurt others  
or participate in unjust systems  
because we do not speak up for what is right.  
Forgive us.  
Give us the courage through your Spirit  
to delight in your ways,  
to act justly, and  
to call out wrongdoing when we see it.  
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**

2 Samuel 12:1–15

Response:

Hear these words from our sacred story.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Hymn** More Voices 10 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

### **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 "Jubilate"**

*Charles Villiers Stanford - (1852-1924)*

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful, be thankful unto Him, be thankful, be thankful unto Him, and speak good and speak good of his Name For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation, His truth endureth Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, without end*

*Amen, Amen*

### **Reflections from the Climate Crisis Group, Sydenham Street UC**

#### **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 307 Touch the Earth Lightly**

## **Blessing**

### **Passing the Peace**

Christ offers us peace. I invite you to turn to your neighbour and share words of 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:**

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