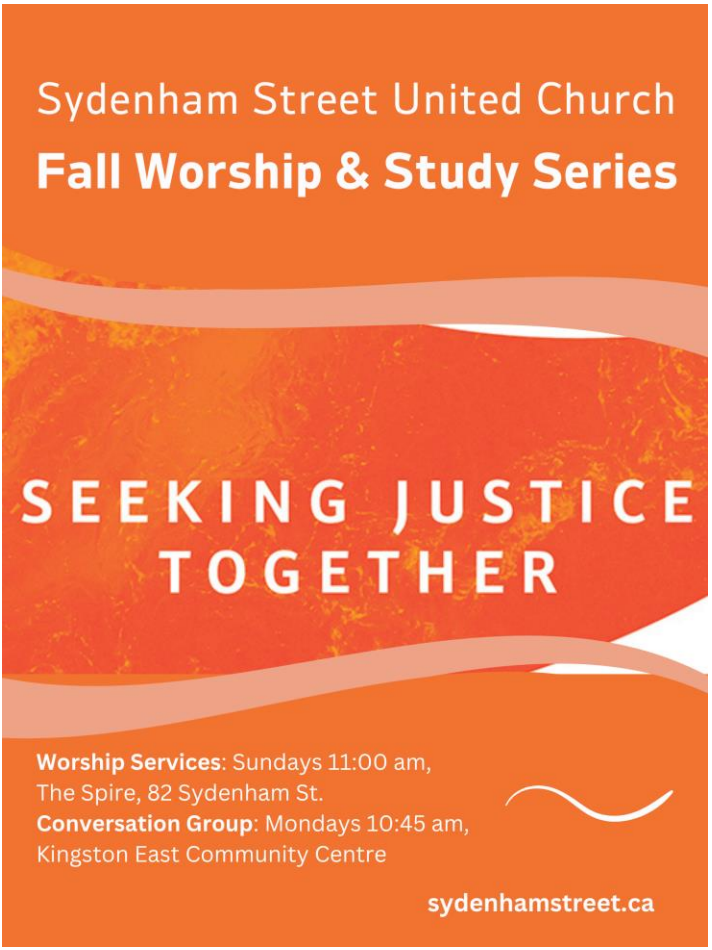
SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



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

Season of Creation:Seeking Justice Together
Oct 11, 2026

Introit

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship
We gather together as people of God,
as disciples of Christ, as dancers in the Spirit,
to praise, to pray, to give thanks!
With our songs, with our prayers,
with our thanksgivings, and with our lives,
we worship the One who is with us all our days.
We worship the One who lives in us, through us, and around us.
We worship the One who is life itself-- God of all Creation!
By Richard Bott, Gathering 2018, adapted

Opening Hymn Voices United 227 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Question of the Day & Theme Introduction

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

Opening Prayer *By Wendy MacLean, Gathering P2 2021, p42*
Holy One, we praise you for these simple gifts
on an autumn day:
the chipmunks darting in and out of the garden,
the tiny nuthatches at the feeder,
the way thanksgiving springs to our lips
as praise lifts our hearts.
Before we ask, we are forgiven.
Before we notice, we are blessed.
Before we pray, we are already held in your love.
For the blessing of your unending grace
we give thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture
Acts 2:44-47
1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

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

Fall Series: Seeking Justice Together "Living Thanksgiving"

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

HymnVoices United 520 *We Plough the Fields*

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.*

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

Affirm United | S'affirmer Ensemble

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