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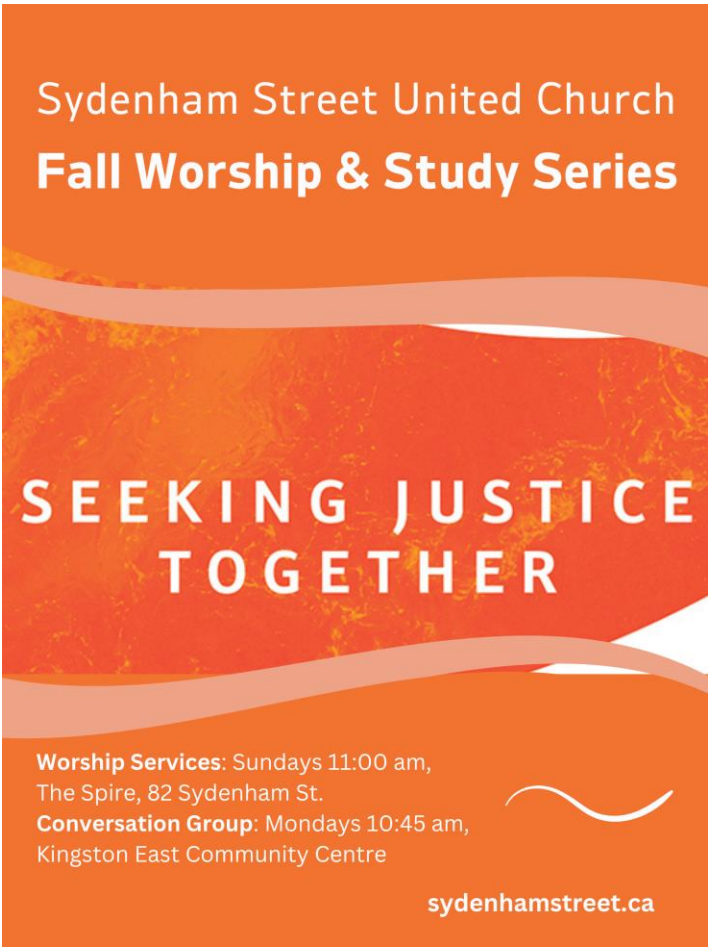

Our congregation meets on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.
We are grateful to live, worship and gather on this land, as we join together to share in the care of God's creation

Season of Creation:Seeking Justice Together
Oct 18, 2026

Introit "He Shall Call Upon Me" by Willan Healey
He shall call upon Me, and I shall answer him;
I will deliver him and honour him. With a long life, I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.
Psalm:
He dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High,
Shall bide under the shadow of the Almighty

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 150)
Praise God in the sanctuary;
praise God in the mighty heavens!
Praise God for God's mighty deeds
and surpassing greatness!
As long as we have breath,
we will rejoice in God!
Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!
Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
As long as we have breath,
we will rejoice in God!

Opening Hymn VU 221 *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped*

Question of the Day & Theme Introduction

Centering Song More Voices 62 *There Is Room for All x 2 (remain seated)*

Opening Prayer
God, you are worthy of our thanks and praise
because you are a God of justice
who desires shalom for all you have created.
Inspire us to love like you do so that as we try each day

to live in your way of freedom and fairness for all,
the world may become a more compassionate place
where all that you have breathed into life may thrive.
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
Psalm 150, VU 874 (no refrain)
Leviticus 25

Response: Hear these words from our sacred story.
All: Thanks be to God.

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

Connecting & Contributing
Dedicating our Offering

Our gifts are given to support the work
of this faith community
and your peacemaking work in the world.
Gather up our offerings, bless them, and multiply them,
so that your kingdom may come
and your will be done.
As we learn to share what we have been given,
may all have enough. Amen.

Fall Series: Seeking Justice Together "Proclaim Jubilee"

Choir Anthem"Room at the Table"

Lyrics: Pamela Steward Music: David Lantz III

There is room at the table, a place at the feast.
There is room for each burden you long to release.
Ev'ry heartache you carry, each private despair;
bring them all to the table, surrender them there.
There is room for the bread that is broken in two.
It is offered for all that is broken in you.
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.
You must only accept it; be fully restored, restored.
There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.

It is offered to you at this table of mine.
Come be filled with remembrance it of My sacrifice my
All you're emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.
There is room, there is room.
There is room at the table, so come take your place.
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace.
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

Invitation to Communion
Remembering Jesus at Table
Communion Prayer
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

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

All who seek to be nourished in their spiritual journey with Christ are welcome to receive communion. You are invited to proceed down the centre aisle, receive the elements and return to your seat by the outer aisles. There are baskets located on front pews to discard your empty cup. If you prefer to be served in your seat, please wave to the server who is walking around. When you receive the elements, the following words are spoken and you are encouraged to respond with the words in bold:

Server: The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.
Response: "Amen" or "Thanks be to God"

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Gracious God,
may your gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.
May your presence among us
provoke such longing for your realm,
that we will never be satisfied
until the whole earth knows
your justice, your peace, and your love.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 481 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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.

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