



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

Seeking Justice Together
Oct 25, 2026

Introit Humble Yourself

Words and Music F.R.C. Clarke

*Humble yourselves under the almighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you in due time:
casting all your care on him, casting care on him, for he careth for you.*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship by Rod Sykes, adapted (based on Luke 15:11-32)

A prodigal son went wandering
and lost himself in dissolute living.
Humbled and ruined, he returned
to ask to be his father's servant.
But the old man came running
and wrapped him in a hug.

**Lost as we may be,
the love of God comes running.**

Whatever our failings and foibles,
however we have fallen short,
the mystery of grace forestalls our fate,
and the love of God comes running.

**So we come running
with lifted eyes and hearts,
to worship God.**

Opening Hymn Voices United 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Question of the Day & Theme Introduction

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

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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 112 *O God, How We Have Wandered*

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.
As we learn to share what we have been given,
may all have enough. Amen.

Choir Anthem *Wilt Thou Forgive* Words: John Donne Music: Mark G. Sirett

Wilt thou forgive the sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it be done before?

Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still, I do deplore?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive the sins by which I won others to sin, wilt thou forgive

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two but wallowed in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done for I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread I shall perish on the shore;

swear by yourself that at my death thy Son shall shine as now and heretofore

When thou hast done that,

When thou hast done that thou hast done, I fear no more, no more.

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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 More Voices 12 *Come Touch Our Hearts* (verses 1-4)

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.*

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.



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