



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



Who is My Neighbour?

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Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November Services are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

December Services are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

Washrooms are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

Song Books *VU Voices United* *MV More Voices*

Ringers Off on electronic devices, please. Thank you.

Prayers of the People Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be given to a Greeter at the front door.

CHURCHES

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

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Chalmers United Church is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office: Mon to Thurs 9:30am-4:30pm

The Spire/SSUC Office: Tuesday to Thursday 9 am to noon

For bulletin materials please use: bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com

Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

“As an Affirming congregation

We are committed to following Jesus’ example as we embrace people of all ages, racialized groups, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnic origins, political beliefs, economic circumstances and differing abilities and challenges in the ministry and life of Sydenham Street United Church.”

SSUC Vision/Mission Statement October 26, 2014



indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love Divine - Donald Hunt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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INTROIT

seated **MV 173** *Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands* verse 1

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY



VU 402 *We Are One* verses 1, 2 & 4

LIGHTING OF RAINBOW CANDLE

Marylil Megginson with Children

LITANY

Marylil Megginson

We have come to this place this morning to worship God, to be together, and to celebrate 20 years of Sydenham Street’s being an Affirming Congregation.

We thank you, God, for being with us as we walk the path of inclusion for all your people.

We look around us to see who is on the margins.

We fly the rainbow flag, provide large print bulletins, use microphones, build ramps and accessible washrooms.

We aren’t finished.

We will never be finished.

We ask you, God, to open our hearts and our eyes.

Help us to discern the next steps and give us the strength to take those steps. Amen

CENTERING PRAYER

Barb Landon

*O Wholly One — you have shown us
in down-to-earth-Jesus terms
your concern for those outside the margins.*

**Help us remember that no matter how much
inside the margins we may feel in other ways,
we can find ourselves on the outside looking in.**

*You have made us in your image
that we might become wholly one
as you are Wholly One. Amen.*

Norm Esdon

A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Barb Landon

Children may leave for their programs.

WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

ANTHEM

*If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking - Melissa Dunphy
from Suite Remembrance*

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,
infinitely greater than words can express,
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen.**

Luke 10: 25 - 37

Ruth Wood

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

SERMON

Who is My Neighbour?

Ruth and Anne Wood

☞ **VU 623** *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Barb Landon

Why I Give

OFFERTORY

Joan and Bill Egnatoff

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Ghanaian folk song, adapted by Tom Colvin, setting by Joel Raney (words VU 593)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ **MV 143** *Abundant Life*

verse 3

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness
celebrating, that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavor
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

seated **VU 948** *O God, Hear My Prayer*

Taizé

**Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,
May our kin-dom come
And your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps
And forgive, freely others for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power
And the glory, now and forever. Amen**

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 **Hymn** *We Are A Rainbow*

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Chorus

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow,
Splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colours,
Sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

Chorus

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

Chorus

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand side by side,
We won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING

 **MV 173** *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

verse 3

POSTLUDE

On Paderborn *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy* - Paul Bryan

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Guest Speakers Ruth and Anne Wood

Ruth Wood is a transgender person who publicly transitioned in 2010. She is a retired Designated Lay Minister and is the Chair of Kingston Pride. Anne is also retired after a varied career in medical research and office administration. She is the current Treasurer of Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble. They are both active advocates for the Transgender /Gender Non-Binary community. Anne and Ruth recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Musicians Thank you to Aurora Dokken and Bill and Joan Egnatoff for their musical participation with us today.

Greeter Susan Irving

Hospitality Catherine Purcell, Mary LeRoy

Counter Marilyn Braden

TODAY

Today, Sunday November 17th, is a rainbow day for the folks of SSUC as we celebrate the **20th Anniversary of our Being an Affirming Congregation.**

We welcome our guest speakers, Ruth and Anne Wood, our friends from other places who have come especially for this day, and of course, our friends from Chalmers UC with whom we worship every Sunday.



Thanks to all who are wearing rainbow symbols or rainbow colours showing your solidarity for this important justice work!

We are blessed. **Please join us in the lower hall for cupcakes, fruit and beverages following the service.**

COMING UP

- **Choir Rehearsals** take place on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm. Rehearsals during November will be held at Sydenham St United Church in the Upper Hall. Anyone high school age or older who loves to sing and has at least basic sight-reading skills is welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 21

- **12 pm: Weekly catered lunch** in Chalmers' MacCallum Hall. \$8 per person. Everyone is welcome. If you have not attended but would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905.

Saturday, Nov. 23

- **9 – 11 am: Flute Choir** rehearses at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall. Anyone who'd like any extra time can meet me at 9 am. The full group will begin at 10. We meet weekly. If you know of another flute player who might be interested, please invite them and let me know. Bill Egnatoff 613-634-3341.

Sunday, Nov. 24

- **SSUC Soup Luncheon** The Social Justice and Outreach Committee will be hosting a Soup Luncheon to celebrate the conclusion of our autumn Stewardship campaign. Please plan to attend and enjoy

delicious homemade soups, rolls and desserts. As is our practice we encourage you to contribute \$6; all monies received at lunch are used to help fund our Tuesday morning food voucher program. This ministry helps to feed our neighbours who are hungry; it is made possible not only because of your financial support but also because volunteers in our congregation dedicate their time to meet with those in need weekly from September through June. These same volunteers help to organize and prepare the Christmas baskets to which many in our congregation contribute food, money and labour as an expression of good will to our needy fellow citizens at this holy season. We hope to share lunch with you on the 24th. We will be delighted to receive squares for dessert. Thank you. Social Justice & Outreach Committee.

- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee small group:** All are welcome to join in. We will meet at the Screening Room for your choice of the movies that start about 7 p.m. Check the newspaper or the Screening Room website for exact start times. After the movies, we'll gather for refreshments and conversation at Chez Piggy's. Our regular movie night is the last Sunday of the month. Contact Barb Carr for more info. 613-544-4081 barbecarr@hotmail.com.

Monday, Nov. 25

- **12 pm: Just Lunch** sponsored by SSUC, but open to all members and friends of both congregations, will be at The Greek Islands Restaurant on the north side of Bath Rd, just past the Salvation Army Store and east of Portsmouth Ave. We gather at noon, and order individually from the lunch menu. We need to give the restaurant a good estimate of numbers so please RSVP to Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or by e-mail to meikle_irish@yahoo.com by 5 pm the 24th.

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Worshipping Sundays Together

at Sydenham St in November, then at Chalmers United in December