



Calling all knitters and crochet enthusiasts if you love to knit or crochet, please email me at tmatheson49@gmail.com to let me know where your interests lie and where your talents are.

We currently have a group of interested crafters who are busily making 8x8 knitted and/or crocheted squares in their homes which we will eventually be sewing together into lovely donated blankets. We are planning to begin meeting and crafting in the church building before the end of April where we'll finally share and discuss our individual projects and to see where we might be able to share our gifts of time and talent.

The possibilities are limited only to our imaginations. If you think this might be something you'd like to be involved with contact me and let me know your thoughts.

*Fellow knitter and crochet enthusiast
Terry Matheson*

“Outreach Project”

We are making sandwiches weekly for Roger Boyd's Street Ministry in Brantford. The Stewardship/Outreach Committee are looking for people to help make sandwiches every Wednesday at 10:30a.m. You can volunteer for a long time commitment or give of whatever time you wish!

We are no longer collecting winter items but you can donate men's socks in a bin outside the office or donate monetarily at the office or through your church envelope!

There is a great need as Chaplain Boyd gives out 700 lunches a week in Brantford, Hamilton and soon Simcoe too.

SYDENHAM-HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH

April 17, 2022



OUR MISSION STATEMENT Building the Kin-dom of God

9:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Seasons Bell Lane, 55 Diana

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & Nursery

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Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

While reading our bulletin you will notice some bold print. This indicates that the congregation will read these passages aloud together.

Please note that the Hymns will not be announced

***Indicates to stand as you are able**

Musical Prelude - "Jesus Christ is Risen" [organ/piano duet]

WE GATHER

Acknowledging the Land

One: For thousands of years First Nations people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered today on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

All: **We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.**

Welcome and Announcements

Passing and Sharing of Peace and Love

One: Namaste, the breath of God within me recognizes the breath of God within you.

All: **Namaste, the breath of God within me recognizes the breath of God within you.**

Time of silence and contemplative prayer

Amen.

***Hymn** - #155VU "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle – the Christ candle – to remind ourselves us that Christ is present in our midst.

At Home & Needing Our Prayers: Heather MacMillan, Jean Maich; Marion Brose, Megan Cousins; Dolly & Jim Mammourias; Maureen Hall-Gilmore; Lawrence & Delores Jackson; Alice Woods, Margaret Wood, Gary Vanderstarre



John Noble: Emily Wood, Norma Kirkby

St. Joe's Lifecare: Bob Bell

BGH: Carey Maynard,

Prayer Cycle: April 17th - Lowville

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS



A donation in loving memory of **William R. MacKinnon** has been received from Linda & Wayne Clark.

A donation in loving memory of **Dan Manning** has been received from Bob & Heather MacMillan (M&S)

A donation in loving memory of **wife Marilyn Page** has been received from Frank Page

EASTER FLOWERS



Donations have been received from:

Linda Brown in memory of loved ones

Darrell & Evelyn Picketts in memory of Rev. & Mrs. W. C. Picketts; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bond; Terry & Louise Mears; Don Graham; Marcus Gibbons

Joan McSpadden & Joan Moore in memory of Norma MacKinnon

Edith & Bruce Freeze in memory of parents Jack & Ruth Harrison; Elizabeth & Ed Freeze

Yvonne Wright

Marlene Evanchuck in memory of Norma MacKinnon & family

Bob & Janet Bell

Ruth & Lyle Sylvester in memory of Grant McConachie

SYDENHAM-HERITAGE NEWS

April 17, 2022

Sunday, April 17

EASTER SUNDAY/COMMUNION

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 18

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

5:30pm TOPS (Fellowship Room)

6:30pm Brant County Singers (Calder Hall)

Tuesday, April 19

9:00am Fix-it Club

10:00am Coffee Time (Calder Hall)

6:30pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 20

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

10:30am Coffee (Fellowship Room)

10:30am Outreach Project (Kitchen)

7:00pm Board (Fellowship Room)

Thursday, April 21

7:00pm Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 22

7:00 Friday Fun Night (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, April 23

10:30am Legacy Workshop (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, April 24

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

* **Call to Worship**

One: Christ has risen.

All: Christ has risen indeed.

One: God is alive . . .

All: new birth is given.

One: Hope is alive . . .

All: a new age is dawning.

One: Joy is alive . . .

All: redemption is here.

One: Love is alive . . .

All: death cannot harm us.

One: We are alive . . .

All: new life is within us.

One: The church is alive . . .

All: God's Spirit is within us. Let us all celebrate!

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Creator of mists and mystery: you roll away the stones to open me to life, to let your story shine out to all the world. Give me hope, Living God - hope in my hands to open doors; hope in my eyes to see possibilities; hope in my heart to live by faith; for in hope, you roll away stones.

Words of Assurance

WE HEAR

Readings from Scripture

Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth or story, listen to these words now for the teaching they hold for you today.

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you

are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:9-20

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

One: Within these words, let us hear the word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry

Reflection - Easter: Who gets resurrected?

WE GO - TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALING OF THE WORLD

***Hymn** - #179VU "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"

*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

One: We extinguish this candle – the Christ candle – knowing that Christ continues to be present, in us, with us, and through us.

*Commissioning

One: Like fishers, pulling nets abundant with fish,

All: let us go forth with abundant life.

One: Like St. Paul whose eyes were opened by Christ,

All: let us all go forth with opened eyes.

One: Like Thomas, filled with doubt,

All: let us go forth, willing to express our own doubts.

One: Like the disciples receiving the holy spirit,

All: let us go forth as people of the spirit.

One: Like the women who ran with joy to share the news of the empty tomb,

All: let us all go forth with joy.

*Benediction (by Sandy Ferguson)

Sung Blessings - "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world will see.

God will be there, present in our love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude



Join us for coffee
go to sydenham-heritage.ca, scroll down to the
calendar, and click the link for Sunday ZOOM

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

Our life, our mercy, our might, our table, our food,
our server, our rainbow, our dove, our sovereign, our
water, our wine, our light, our treasure, our tree, our way,
our truth, our life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

All: Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

One: And so we cry, Amen:

All: Amen!



Distribution

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live
Christ's risen life; we, who drink this cup, bring new life to
others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that
we and all your children shall be healed and whole.

Lord's Prayer (by Bob MacMillan)

**O, mystery, beyond my comprehension, I am your
creation.**

**Help me to live as part of your domain and not isolated
from it.**

I understand that I am of two natures.

**Help me to choose the nature that strives for harmony
rather than dominance.**

**Help me to use caution when judging others, and not do
harm for harm done to me.**

**Where I must take life in order to live, help me to take it
with respect and regret.**

**Everywhere I look, I see the infinite harmony and the
beauty you have created.**

I thank you for the privilege of experiencing it.

Amen.

WE REFLECT

***Hymn** - #171MV "Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"

Invitation to Offering



***Offering Dedication** - #537VU "Your Work, O God"

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we
share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we
make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus's
sake.

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***Offering Prayer** (unison)

**Gracious God, during our Lenten journey may we be open
to blessings and transformation: changing our tentative
steps and failings into hopes, dreams, and new lives. And
as we are blessed and transformed, help us to be a
blessing and source of transformation to others. Amen.**

Prayer Prelude - #85MV "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

(sing 3 times)

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

A New Creed (VU #918)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who
has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's
presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim
Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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Invitation to Table

One: Go out into the streets and lanes,

All: bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.

One: Go out into the roads and alleyways,

All: compel people to come in,

One: that my house may be filled.

All: and my feast may be complete.

One: This table is not the Table of Sydenham-Heritage United Church. It is not the table of the United Church of Canada. It is the table of Jesus Christ, and all who wish to come are welcome.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Spirit of God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them to God.

One: Give thanks to God!

All: All our thanks, all our praise!

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song, Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, God, our life, our mercy, our might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Save us, we pray, you beyond all. Blest is the one who comes in your name. Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves, you pouring down rain, you opening the

flowers, you feeding the insects, you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters, you holding us in the night,

You lived as Jesus among us, Healing, teaching, dying, rising, Inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant. Take the cup in remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember Jesus,

His life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all. Your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.

One: And so we cry, Mercy:

All: Mercy!

One: And so we cry, Glory:

All: Glory!

One: And so we cry, Blessing:

All: Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!