

Order of Worship
Sunday November 22, 2020
Reign of Christ Sunday



God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our church is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. For thousands of years the first peoples gathered, love, celebrated, created, and overcame great obstacles on this land. We give thanks that we can create community here too and pray that the communities we create will be spaces of peace and respect for all.

Call to Worship

People of God we are called to worship the King of Kings.

We come with faithful hearts!

We are called to worship the Prince of Peace.

We come with hearts hungry for peace!

We are called to worship the One whose reign is breaking into our world.

We come with a desire to help birth new life, to work for change and to reflect God's light in our world!

Let us worship God.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn 213 *Rejoice the Lord is King* (words below)

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon *Invited Again* Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 215 Hope of the World (words below)

Our Response to God

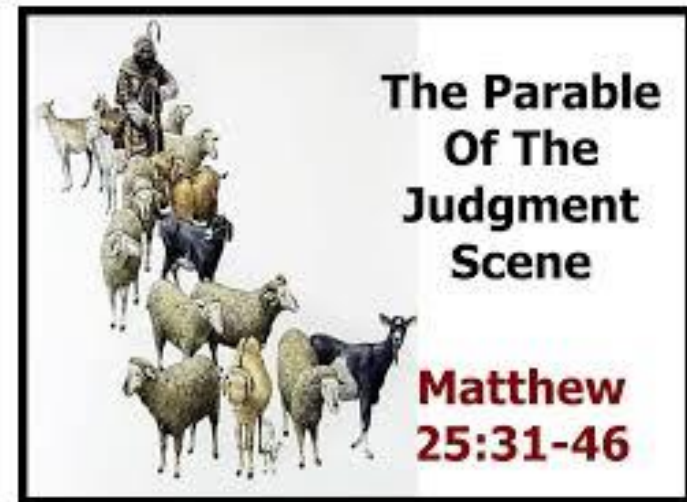
Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn 211 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* (words below)

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude



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Announcements

This Sunday 2:00 pm:

Covenanting for Rev. Jessica – We will be holding a **virtual** Covenanting Service for Rev. Jessica this Sunday November 22nd at 2:00 pm. A Covenanting Service is a worship service to celebrate the new ministry of a recently called Minister, with their Community of Faith and their United Church Regional Council. Click to join the celebration: <https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/covenanting-service/>

Sunday School – please see below (after the hymns) for a message from the Christian Education Committee regarding White Gift Sunday and weekly Sunday School activities.

Virtual Christmas Pageant - Help us create SUC's first ever Virtual Christmas Pageant. Please submit your photos to Rev. Jessica at revjmccrae@gmail.com no later than Dec. 11 to be included. (see below for more information from Rev. Jessica)

Study Group - Rev. Jessica will be leading a study group on Zoom: Mondays December 7, 14, 21 at 7 pm - People Who Dream
If you are interested in participating, please let her know revjmccrae@gmail.com

Virtual Coffee Hour - Gather at your computer, tablet or smartphone on Zoom for coffee hour at **11:00 am** Sunday. We can support up to 100 participants on this. For more information click on <https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2/>

Wed. 11:00 am – Virtual Café Join us on your computer, tablet or smartphone on Zoom for coffee! Every Wednesday morning. For more information click on <https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-cafe/>

Requests from The Open Door:

- Please continue to pray for us: For God's protection, presence, provision and guidance as we face the challenging season ahead.
 - Supporting us financially: Donations can be made by credit card at: <https://theopendoorsquareone.churchcenter.com/giving> by e-transfer to: info@opendoorsquareone.org. Text to Give: 84321. Or by calling to donate by credit card: 905-276-9136, or by mail to The Open Door, Square One, 100 City Centre Dr., Mississauga, ON, L5B 2C9, or through Canada
Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/14276>
 - For further information you can call The Open Door: 905-276-9136 or find more details on our website: www.opendoorsquareone.org
 - Providing gift cards: You can mail cards to us, or you can call and drop them off. There is great need for Walmart, and grocery gift cards and Tim Hortons cards. Please call and make arrangements: 905-276-9136 OR you can drop them in an envelope at the church marked Open Door that Kelly will have & Donna will deliver them after Dec 6th.
 - Providing Safety Supplies: We are in need of masks, hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes, Lysol aerosol spray, a freestanding hand sanitizer dispenser, and a hepa air cleaner, liquid hand soaps, paper towels, and other personal protective equipment.
Thank you for being our partners as we serve our community in Christ's name.
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213 Rejoice the Lord is King

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purges our sins,
he took his seat above. **R**
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.
**We soon shall hear, the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice.**

215 Hope of the World

- 1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
- 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.
- 3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light;
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from you to endless night.
- 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross have saved us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love your mercy gave us;
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.
- 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign.

211 Crown Him With Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
 hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
 all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless King
 through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife
 for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
 absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
 fair flowers of Paradise extend
 their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou has died for me;
 thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.

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Christian Education and Sunday School Information

White Gift Sunday

Due to the current circumstances, this year's White Gift Sunday will look very different. The Sunday School will be continuing to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal but it will be in the form of a gift card or cash. If you and your family are interested in contributing, please put a gift card or cash in an envelope, label what is inside and drop it off at the church in the secure mail box at the front sliding doors. Please do this by **December 2nd**. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Rev. Jessica will give thanks for the gifts on Sunday December 6th, the second Sunday in Advent.

Sunday School Activities - Beginning this week, there will be Advent and Christmas activities available for the students. Some will be in the weekly bulletin and others will be available by email request at cechair@streetsvilleunited.ca. Some will be taken from the current Curriculum, some from the United Church of Canada and others from Rev. Jessica. We hope that you and your family will try some of these activities and check out the website as well.

This Week's Sunday School Activity - This Sunday is the last Sunday in the church calendar year. Advent starts the new church calendar year. This week's lesson is taken from "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum based on Matthew 25:31-46. We would encourage you to read the Bible passage and talk with your family about it. Then, think about the questions that go with it and answer them as best as you can.

- Do you see the people who are suffering, especially those who are most neglected?
- When have you seen people show compassion or kindness to you?
- Who are some of those who are overlooked or ignored in our world today?
- When has someone taken the time to be with you when felt sad or lonely?
- What did you learn from this Bible reading?

Final Prayer - Holy One, just as your eye is on the sparrow, grant us vision to both see and respond in love to those among us who are the most vulnerable and those who are in need of care. Amen

Our First Ever Virtual Christmas Pageant

I need your help! Covid has disrupted all of our usual routines and many of our traditions, but we are learning to adapt. This year I need your help to create the first ever Streetsville UC Virtual Christmas Pageant. This will be a safe and fun way to involve the whole family in the Christmas story and it will be available to view starting on Christmas Eve day from the safety and comfort of your own homes. And share the link with family far away!

I will narrate the story in a way that is accessible for all ages and I need your help to bring the story to life with your photos. Please dress up as your favourite characters in the Christmas story and take photos in your home, your yard, the park, at a farm (only if you know the farmer!), in the community, anywhere at all. Use your imagination and be creative!

We need photos of:

Mary alone

Mary with an Angel

Mary and Joseph

Someone standing with a sign saying "This Way to Bethlehem"

Innkeeper standing with a sign saying "No Room at the Inn"

Baby Jesus in the Manger (or in Mary's arms)

Animals (any animals you think were at, or would have liked to have been at, the manger)

Angels

Shepherds

Wise Men (and Women!)

So pull out your Bibles, read the Christmas story and let's get creative and have some fun! (Psst! Participation is not limited to children. Or to members of SUC. If you are new to our church via livestreaming we'd love to see you too!)

By submitting photos you agree to have the photos used in our Virtual Pageant and broadcast publicly. Names will not be included with any photos. Please submit photos to

Jessica.mccrae@streetsvilleunitedchurch.ca by Dec. 11th.

Covid-19

Givings - We continue to have expenses, such as utilities and salaries. If you are not on PAR, offering can be provided by:

- You can now **e-transfer** directly to the church. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville United Church** and email address info@streetsvilleunited.ca E-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers **will** be included on your tax receipt. [More guidance here.](#)
- You can now **e-transfer** directly to the **UCW**. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville United Church** and email address ucw@streetsvilleunited.ca. E-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers **will** be included on your UCW tax receipt. In the comment line please add if the donation is for one of the groups or for general UCW. [More guidance here.](#)
- Donate via Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps) at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13238>
- Mailing in a cheque (or post-dated cheques to Streetsville United Church at 274 Queen St. South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1L8
- Pre-Authorized Remittance: We also now have over ten years' experience with United Church PAR, which automatically makes monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Ken Boulton at kjboulton@rogers.com or 647-938-3350.
- Cheques/envelopes can also be dropped off in the mailbox at the front doors of the church. It is a **NEW** secure, locked mailbox.