

**Celebration of a New Ministry:  
An Act of Covenanting for a New Pastoral Relationship  
within a Community of Faith**



*Anchored in God's Word...  
Moving into God's Future*

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

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.

**Gathering Music**

**Prelude** *We Gather Together* (Netherlands tune)

**Words of Welcome** Bill Powell

We joyfully gather to mark a new ministry relationship in Horseshoe Fall Regional council between Streetsville United and Rev. Jessica McCrae. We welcome Rev. Kate Young, Rev. Jeff Werner, Rev. Brenna Baker and Dr. Mark W. Ruhnke who are a part of our wider community. Today we commit to and celebrate how we are the church together.

**Hymn** *Let Us Build a House*

**Call to Worship** Rev. Jeff Werner

As we gather in the welcome of God's love,  
as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,  
as we gather in the power of the Spirit,  
let us listen for the voice of God.

**Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those  
who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One.**

**Opening Prayer** Rev. Jeff Werner

Loving God, we cry aloud this day for your guidance. You have called us into ministry as we follow the pathways that you set down for us. Grant us, we pray, strength to believe in your gospel and courage to trust in your Word. We pray that the ministry of this pastoral charge will be strengthened and nurtured by your life-giving Spirit. All glory and honour are yours, God most compassionate. Amen

**Solo** *Shine On Us*  
by Michael W. Smith, Deborah Smith

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 6:25-34 Rev. Kate Young

**Sermon** *It's Tradition!* Rev. Kate Young

**Transition Music**

## **Covenanting Action**

Regional council liaison: Rev. Jeff Werner  
We are here to join into a covenantal relationship with God and between Rev. Jessica McCrae, Streetsville United, and the wider United Church as represented by Horseshoe Falls regional council. Although God's covenant with us never changes, our covenants with one another evolve as we seek ways to faithfully deepen our commitment to Jesus and live into our call to embody God's love in the world.

Member of Search Team: Bill Powell  
After prayerful discernment, and the approval of Streetsville United, we present Rev. Jessica McCrae, who has been called to a ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care in Streetsville United Church. We believe that her skills and talents complement our faithful witness, ministry needs, and community context.

Regional council liaison: Rev. Jeff Werner  
Rev. Jessica McCrae, you are here in response to the call of Streetsville United Church and Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. We come together to mark this new relationship within our regional council for the sake of our shared ministry.

Jessica, you are about to undertake the ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care

You, the members of this community of faith, are called to join Jessica in worship, study, prayer, and action.

We, Horseshoe Falls regional council, will be responsible for supporting this ministry.

Let us pray for God's grace as we covenant together:

### **Prayer of Faith**

Rev. Jeff Werner

Uniting God,  
you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship:

- to celebrate your presence,
- to live with respect in creation,
- to be your servants in the service of others,
- to seek justice and resist evil,
- to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
- to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

Send your Holy Spirit to bind us in full communion  
so that we may be a uniting church  
embodying your love for the world.

As one, we proclaim:

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
you are with us,  
we are not alone,

all glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

**Solo**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

### **Promises of the New Minister**

Jessica McCrae, do you, in the presence of this community of faith, take on the new trust and responsibility of ministering with Streetsville United?

*New minister:* I do.

*Regional council liaison:*

Will you accept the guidance of Horseshoe Falls regional council and, together with its other members, be responsible for the health of Streetsville United?

*New minister:* I will.

*Regional council liaison:*

Will you share in the ministry goals and faith story of this community of faith?

*New minister:* I will.

*Regional council liaison:*

Will you accept the support and encouragement of this community of faith and this regional council?

*New minister:* I will.

*Regional council liaison:*

Will you work cooperatively with the wider church and wider community to embody God's love in the world?

*New minister:* I will.

## **Promises of the Community of Faith**

*Regional council liaison:*

Will you join with Rev. Jessica McCrae in a ministry of worship, study, prayer, and action within Streetsville United Church, Horseshoe Falls regional Council and within the wider church?

*Members of the community of faith:* We will.

*Presider:*

Will you support her as she serves among you in this ministry?

*Members of the community of faith:* We will.

## **Presentation of Symbols**

Ken and Gail Boulton

*Presenter:* We present you with ...

## **A Bible**

Be with us as one who preaches.

## **WATER**

Be with us as one who baptizes in the name of Christ.

## **AN IPAD**

Because theologian Karl Barth once told ministers to keep the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. So be with us as one who has open tabs of the bible, social media and digital news, and who shares the gospel in a variety of ways in the changed and changing times.

## **BREAD AND WINE**

Be with us as one who cares for those who hunger and thirst.

## **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER**

Be with us as one who works with us to keep one another safe in this pandemic time.

*Regional council liaison:*

Rev. Jeff Werner

Rev. Jessica McCrae and Streetsville United Church, let all these be signs of the ministry that is and that will be in this community. Let the people say, **Amen.**

## **Response to Covenant**

*Regional council liaison:*

Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

*The people may express their joy with applause.*

## **Music (video)**

*Lame Can Dance*

Jane Drake written by Rev. Jennifer Martin

## **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Brenna Baker

## **Blessing and Benediction**

Rev. Jessica McCrae

## **Postlude**

*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

arr. James Pethel

*Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

*Serving God and our neighbours in the local community.*