

## Order of Worship

Sunday January 10, 2021

The Baptism of Jesus – A Time to recommit to our faith

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

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

From the waters of a womb. God's blessed Son was given to us.

**From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children**

Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

**Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love**

Let us worship our God!

### Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 100**      *When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized*      Voices United

### Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have blessed us with life. We praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you.

**We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you.**

But there is an emptiness in us.

**We have tried our own healing, but we can not do it alone.**

We feel as though we are adrift, in unfamiliar waters, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore.

**We long for home and hope.**

**From across these waters, you have called us.**

**Now we come to you, seeking your healing and forgiving love.**

### Assurance of Pardon

God's call to us never ends. God has been with us from the beginning of time and will be with us beyond the end of time. God seeks to fill our emptiness and welcomes us into full and deep relationship with God and all creation. We are a forgiven people. May your heart truly welcome this forgiveness, may you understand that you are beloved, and may you open yourself to the new life God is breathing into you this day.

### Boomer Band

*Amazing Love How Can It Be*

### The Word of God Proclaimed

### Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

### Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

### Sermon

*New Things*

Rev. Jessica McCrae

### Hymn 30

*It's A Song of Praise to the Maker*

More Voices

### Our Response to God

### Prayers of the People

### Hymn 449

*Crashing Waters At Creation*

Voices United

### Blessing and Benediction

### Postlude



***We warmly welcome Michelle Chung as guest musician!***

### Announcements

**2021 Giving Envelopes** – these are available and being distributed as quickly and safely as possible. Anyone using leftover envelopes from 2020, please remember to stroke off the envelope number as the numbers change year to year.

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Coldest Night of the Year 2021** - We are happy to report that we will once again be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk to support the DAM which takes place on February 20th. This will be an all virtual event with creative opportunities to make it fun! Please go to [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org) to learn more, sign up, or donate.

**This Week's Sunday School Activities** - Coming through the Waters Epiphany can shake the foundations of our faith. We may wonder what to do next. The Season after the Epiphany will offer opportunities to incorporate the new, weave it into the old ways or let go of old beliefs entirely. This week, the focus is on the role of the Holy Spirit in the wake of earth-shattering discoveries. This can also be applied to the life that we are now living in this Pandemic.

1) The focus Bible Reading is Mark 1:4-11, the story of Jesus' baptism and a new beginning in his life.

Additional Scripture readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29 and Acts 19:1-7

Simple aspects of nature are put into new order when God speaks through them and there are new identities for ordinary people when the spirit of God is evident in or through them. It is as if the passing season has shed new light on old questions about who we are and how we behave. The Season after the Epiphany offers us a time to explore this this as we move from old habits and into a fresh start. How will you respond to the needs of the people and planet in this Season after the Epiphany?

2) Prayer- God of ancient knowledge and overwhelming truth. We seek understanding and patience as daily we realize we live in the depths of mystery and cannot know who we are until we learn more about who you are. Amen

## Meetings

### Today

**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/>

### This Week

**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/>

**Sat. Jan. 16 10 am – 12 noon - Coat Drive** – Streetsville United Church is partnering with the Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale on this year's coat drive. Please drop off coats at the elevator entrance of the church during that 2-hour window.

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## Upcoming Events

**Sun. Jan. 17 am – UCW Sunday.**

**Tue. Jan. 19 1:30 pm – Sunshine Circle** meeting on Zoom – invitations to zoom will be sent out closer to the meeting.

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Please let Rev. Jessica know when any of our members or friends are in hospital or in need of pastoral attention – 647-222-9683 (cell); 905-826-1542 (office); [revjmccrae@gmail.com](mailto:revjmccrae@gmail.com)

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**Our Prayer Chain** is available. When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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## Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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**Givings** - We continue to have expenses, such as utilities and salaries.

If you are not on PAR, offering can be provided by:

- You can **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](mailto: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 **e-transfer** directly to the **UCW**. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **UCW Streetsville United Church** and email address [ucw@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto: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 the name of the UCW group. [More guidance here.](#)
  - 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](mailto: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 secure, locked mailbox.
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