

Order of Worship
Sunday January 24, 2021



God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude

Amazing Grace Medley

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, loved, 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

God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

God is persistent. God shakes us from our complacency and invites us to grow in love and wisdom.

Lord, give us the courage to follow where you lead.

Give us courage to grow in love and wisdom.

God is with us as we journey,

God is with us as we worship,

God is glad we are here.

Let us worship God!

Let us worship God, with all creation!

Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 330

Jesus Shall Reign

Voices United

Prayer of Confession

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our own lives, we believe that we could not leave everything to follow someone we didn't know.

We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following.

But God is persistent.

God understands our confusion and doubts.

And God continues to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world.

It may not mean leaving everything behind, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. That's hard.

We want to place conditions on service, and only do it when it suits us.

Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own wants.

Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need.

Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal.

Make us more mindful of others, and our place in creation.

AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for God's love for you is eternal. AMEN.

Boomer Band

I Need You More

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Sermon

All About Jonah

Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 154

Deep In Our Hearts

More Voices

Our Response to God

Welcome to Leslie Silvestri, Fight the Cold

Recorded Thank You from Leslie Silvestri

Prayers of the People

Hymn 266

Amazing Grace

Voices United

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Phoebe Palmer Knapp

We warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician!



Announcements

Open Door Status - Open Door is shut down but is still helping people. They are not accepting anything except donations of money or gift cards. If you would like to make a donation please call their office at 905-276-9136 & leave a message with your phone #. They will contact you to tell you where you can drop off your donation & they prefer you drop it off at one of their homes mailboxes, which will be closer to most of you, than Square 1. Thank you for supporting the Open Door during this very stressful time! Blessings, Donna Moss

Deliveries – Pastoral Care has had an individual offer to make deliveries to members of our congregation during this current lockdown and time of extreme Covid numbers. If you could use this service please contact Bev Mathew for further information at Bev.mathew@rogers.com or 905-826-5005.

2021 Giving Envelopes – some have been distributed. To follow the stay at home rules, there are no plans for delivery at this time. You are welcome to send a giving cheque in the mail without the need of a numbered envelope. Tax receipts will be issued for all givings regardless of the method.

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 to learn more, sign up, or donate. To donate to the SUC team please visit <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=933495&langPref=en-CA>

Meetings

Today (Sunday)

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/>

This Week's Sunday School Activities - Coming through the Call We may think of Epiphany as a novel idea and possibly a new pathway for our lives. The Season after Epiphany can be a time to settle into a new sense of call or a renewed sense of purpose. This week, we study texts that highlight the topsy-turvy, surprising aspects of this season of sustained discovery.

1) The focus Bible Reading is Mark 1:14-20, Jesus calls out to fishers to follow Him

Questions to think about after reading this Bible passage. a) What might have encouraged the fishers to follow Jesus? b) What big change was Jesus asking the fishers to make? c) What might they have wondered about, worried about or been excited about? d) What kind of things can we do to show that we are followers of Jesus?

Additional Scripture readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

These readings make compelling arguments for us to drop everything when we are invited into a deeper relationship with God. It can be challenging to leave behind what we once found reliable and important to us in our every day lives. What will you leave behind as you discover more about God's persistence, protections and power? What can you do to feel free to move through this season in the company of Christ?

2) Prayer: Persistent God. You are the incredible and believable and make the impossible happen. We ask that you show us how and when we are called to you by you. Amen

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); revjmcrae@gmail.com

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

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 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. 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 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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