

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday January 31, 2021**



**God Invites Us to Gather**

**Prelude** *Unanswered Prayers* Garth Brooks

**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**

We thank you, O God, for the gift of this day.

**For the support of our community, for the hope that you bring into our hearts, for the healing you are bringing to our world.**

We thank you, O God, for the ability to worship as community, even in these strange days.

**For songs and prayers that sustain us not only in this time of worship, but in the days that unfold.**

We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives and in our world.

**May we lift our voices in thanks, even as we worship You.**

Things may not be perfect, we might struggle with uncertainty and fear, but God has given us this gift of community that endures even in lockdown.

God has given us the gift of hope that better days, and healed new life lie ahead.

Let us worship God.

**Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 223** *Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing* Voices United



**Prayer of Confession**

God of new beginnings  
whenever we come home to you  
we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten  
of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts  
or loved our neighbour as ourselves.

We have not asked often enough "What have I done for God?"

But instead are concerned with fulfilling our own wants.

Forgive us, heal us,

restore us to strong and good relationship with you.

Through Christ in whom we trust. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

The good news of our faith is that new life can spring from places that seemed dry and without life, in hearts that were misguided and selfish. Mistakes and sins are forgiven when we come before God with repentant hearts. Our God is a God of second chances and opportunities to begin again. Live into this love and share this hope. We are forgiven.

**Boomer Band** *Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 4:14-30

**Sermon** *What's In It For Us?* Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 589** *Lord, Speak to Me* Voices United

**Our Response to God**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 594** *O Christian Love* Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude** *The Love of Jesus Medley* arr. Mark Hayes

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*We warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician!*

## Announcements

**Rev. Jessica Study Leave** – Rev. Jessica will be on her study leave Feb. 1–7. Emergency pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Sheila Murray. If you need to be in touch with please contact the office. Bruce Worthington will be providing worship leadership on Feb. 7.

**Coldest Night of the Year 2021** - 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](https://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>

**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. To make a donation please call their office at 905-276-9136 & leave 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. 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](mailto:Bev.mathew@rogers.com) or 905-826-5005.

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## 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 Holy Places

Sometimes a place feels holy because of rich cultural history or it is built and adorned to inspire praise. But can people make places feel holy just by offering simple kindness? This week we see that it is often the people in a place that inspires it with holiness when they speak the truth in love.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 1: 21-28, Jesus shows up in a surprising way- as a teacher with a difference

Questions to think about after reading this Bible passage:

a) What amazed the people who were in the synagogue to hear Jesus teach?

b) In what ways might the man's life have been different after his experience with Jesus? c) What emotions do you think the one who was healed experienced? d) What have you learned about power and authority from this story about Jesus' ministry? e) What might we tell others about Jesus' powerful love?

Additional Scripture readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Prophecy, blessings, conversions and teaching can occur on street corners, prisons and disadvantaged areas just as often as they occur in synagogues, temples and chapels. Epiphany is not always a matter of where we encounter God; it maybe a question of who journeys with us as we come through the holy places. Which begs the question, how are we a part of the holy places? Do we carry them within ourselves? What if the holiest places are not a church or a cathedral but carried in our heart and minds?

2) Prayer: God of hearts and homes, be with us so we may know the holiness of each person and place we encounter. Amen.

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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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**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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