

Order of Worship
Sunday February 7, 2021



Welcome from the Temagami White Bear Forest

Call to Worship

Leader: When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dreamed.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing.

Leader: Then they said among the nations, the Lord hath done great things for them.

All: The Lord hath done great things for us and we are glad.

Leader: Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the South.

All: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Leader: He that goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.
Amen

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn *How Great Thou Art* Bruce Worthington

Confession of Sin (First in Private, followed by in Unison below)

All: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humble repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord, AMEN.

Hymn *In the Garden* Bruce Worthington

Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon *If a Tree Falls in the Forest?* Bruce Worthington

Hymn *I Have Decided* Bruce Worthington

Blessing and Benediction

We warmly welcome Bruce Worthington all the way from Temagami as guest preacher!



Announcements

New Mailbox – There is now a **secure mailbox** at the back door at the entrance to the offices. You can drop off envelopes, givings, or anything else for the office.

2020 Tax Receipts – all were mailed on Wed. Feb. 3.

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 to learn more, sign up, or donate. To donate to the SUC team please visit <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/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 or 905-826-5005.

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 Captivity
The limitlessness of God's love and work in Creation is revealed in Jesus. This week's passages suggest reaching out to God through prayer and reflection as we strive to keep our focus for ministry. Sustained and restored by faith, we can serve in fresh and vital ways as messengers of good news.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 1: 29-39. Life is a frenzy of activity at this time and things seem to happen immediately. Jesus finds time for reflection and renewal in his own way.

Questions to think about after reading this Bible passage a) Why do you think there was such a big crowd at the house that day? b) What did Simon's mother-in-law do after she was "lifted up"? c) What message do you think Jesus gave the disciples by taking this time by himself? d) What are some ways we can take some quiet time for ourselves? e) What could someone do to help you feel better?

Additional Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

The texts for this day sing with confidence in God's faithfulness. Jesus drew from this source of strength as his authority for healing and teaching. With Jesus, we are invited to trust in the power of God, who promises, "I will raise you up on eagles' wings." In what ways does confidence in God's faithfulness give shape and purpose to your life as an individual disciple and as a church? How might you move ahead to a stronger connection with this source of strength?

2) Prayer: Holy One, who makes all things possible, lift us when we are weary. Be our strength and fill us with hope as we seek to serve you and our neighbour this day. 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.
