

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday March 7, 2021**  
**Lent 3**

**God Invites Us to Gather**



**Prelude**                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                      William M. Runyan

**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\***

Again and again,  
**We come to this space.**  
Again and again,  
**We gather as a community.**  
Again and again,  
**We move closer to God.**  
And again and again,  
**God is Here.**  
We are met.  
**We are heard.**  
We are shown the way.  
**So again and again,**  
**Let us worship holy God.**



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

**Hymn 108**                      *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*  
Voices United

**Prayer of Confession\***

God of Justice, We are guilty of building tables.  
**We have built tables that oppression dines on,**  
**Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.**  
God of Justice, We are guilty of forgetting where we are,  
**Of turning faith into a negotiation tool**  
**And the church into a place for insiders.**

God of Justice, We are guilty of ignoring the point;  
**For you taught that the temple was for worship and your message was for all.**

God of our hearts,  
**Be in our decision making.**

Draw near to our choices.

**Forgive our mistakes.**

And as you do,

**Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.**

With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

**Hymn 69**                      *Kyrie Eleison*                      More Voices

**Assurance of Pardon**

Family of faith, the good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way.  
God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption.  
God took on flesh to teach us another way.  
God took on flesh to point us to restoration.  
God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven.  
Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**                      John 2:13-22

**Sermon**                      *Spring Cleaning*                      Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 117**                      *Jesus Christ is Waiting*                      Voices United

**Our Response to God**

**Prayers of the People**

**Video for Coldest Night of the Year**

**Hymn 121**                      *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*                      Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Pass It On*                      Kurt Kaiser arr. Mark Hayes

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***We warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician!***

*\* Some prayers from this service are from "A Sanctified Art"*

## Announcements

**Phone System** – If you have called the church recently you will have noticed we have a new system! Now when you call, press 1 to reach the office and 2 to go directly to Rev. Jessica. Please note that the voicemail for Rev. Jessica is completely confidential and only accessed by her.

**Easter Tidings** – All submissions for Easter/Spring Tidings should be emailed to Kelly by Wed. Mar. 10.

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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/>

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## Sunday School

### This Week's Sunday School Activities - Faithful Living Together

This week, we receive ten rules for living in a loving community and a psalmist notes that God's law is for people's well-being. Conventional wisdom and power structures are challenged and Jesus turns over tables and invites people to consider a different way of faithfully relating to God.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Psalm 19. This psalm states that God's law can help people to live lives well.

Questions to consider about after reading this Bible passage a) What does Psalm 19:7-8 say about those who follow God's laws? b) What do you think is the story that is being told by the "voice with no words"? c) If you were going to paint a picture of God's wonderful world, what would you include? Why? d) What would the world be like if all people lived according to God's law or way?

Additional Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

The Season of Lent is an opportunity to continue to reflect on what it means to live faithfully together. God calls us to respond in faith in our daily lives. Knowing that God has offered loving rules, an invitation to praise, challenges the status quo and is committed to justice: how then shall we live?

2) Prayer: Creator God, you have given us guidelines of how we can be community together. Help us to follow your loving laws and to praise you more faithfully. Help us to live more justly so that we might be more faithful disciples living in a deeper relationship with you. Amen

**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 Neil Beattie at [nbeattie@rocketmail.com](mailto:nbeattie@rocketmail.com) or 416-909-0042.
- Cheques/envelopes can also be dropped off in the mailboxes at the **front or back doors** of the church. They are locked & secure.