

Order of Worship
Sunday April 25, 2021



God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude *Thine Is The Glory* Michael Larkin

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

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank our God

For joy in living

And patience in trouble;

For rainbows after clouds

And moonlight on the darkest night;

For wisdom to walk the right path

And peace to calm anxious worry;

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

So let us give thanks and worship the Lord our God!

Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 244 *Sing Your Praise to God Eternal* Voices United

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing.

Give us wisdom to seek your peace.

We often seek to solve all problems on our own,

We allow ourselves to be overwhelmed

We feel the pressures rising and we don't take time to remember that we are not alone.

We do not take time to nurture and nourish our souls.

We allow ourselves to become fearful instead of trusting in your love for us.

Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles and every community that seeks to live into mission.

Give us again the assurance of your love and peace, and fill us with grateful, courageous hearts and peace filled hearts.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe and live the good news: God has rescued us from darkness and given us new life and new hope in Jesus. Allow yourself to be led to still waters, the peace of God's love. Redemption, new beginnings, and forgiveness are ours. We are beloved. Let us begin again! Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Grace Like Rain* Boomer Band

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 23

Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18

Sermon *In Search of Green Pastures and Still Waters*
Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 30 *It's A Song of Praise to the Maker* More Voices
Duet – Kim Perrin, Dee Hopkins

Our Response to God

Prayers of the People

Hymn 625 *I Feel the Winds of God* Voices United

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude *All Hail The Power Of Jesus's Name* Oliver Holden

Thanks for the performances by Michelle Chung, Boomer Band, Kim Perrin and Dee Hopkins



Announcements

Streetsville's Weekly Word – Rev. Jessica has been sending this approximately once per week. If you are not receiving it and would like to, please check your “junk” folder to see if it went there. If it did not please notify Rev. Jessica to add your name to the mailing list. If you do not wish to be part of the distribution, scroll to the end of the email and click on “*unsubscribe from this list*”.

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/>

Wed. 7:00 pm – Zoom Gathering – Surnames beginning H-M. Help Rev. Jessica get to know you! Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89116459603?pwd=R3U5b3ZNUeHvbkrHZkPgcjQyQjlkQT09>

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Sunday School

This Week's Sunday School Activities - Love Is a Verb

Power, name, love. These words weave through this week's texts and their interrelationship presents a rich depiction of the saving work of the divine amongst us. The name of Jesus Christ holds power. The power of Jesus resides in love. The love of God through Jesus exerts influence in us and over us. Our call is to love, to exercise our power in acts of love towards one another. The web continues to interweave and strengthen.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is John 10: 11-18. This passage has a familiar comforting message. It is one of love and it shows how a good shepherd's love for his sheep is never ending, just like the love of Jesus for his people.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage.

a) What does Jesus say about what it means to be a "shepherd of the people"? b) What were some of the things that Jesus did to look after people? c) What are some ways that Jesus shared God's love with others? d) Who has been like a good shepherd for you? What did he or she do? e) What are some ways that we can show God's love to our family, to our friends and when we are at school?

Additional Scripture: Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23 and 1 John 3: 16-24

Contrary to the power exerted by human structures, the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ resides in his saving love for humanity. The power of this love gives us courage to show love to people in our lives. How can we individually and communally, enact our love in service to those who have often been excluded or oppressed?

2) Prayer: God of Love. We turn ourselves this day to the Good Shepherd as our inspiration and model for the sacrificial love for one another to which you have called us. Fill us with the power of your name and embolden us in our acts of love. 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 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 Neil Beattie at 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.