

## 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, love, 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.

## A New Creed

We are not alone,  
We live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
Who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

## Order of Worship Sunday April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday



## God Invites Us to Gather

### Prelude

*Let All Things Now Living*

Welsh Melody - Ashgrove

### Words of Welcome

Christ is risen,  
**he is risen indeed.**

We are witnesses to these things.

### Hallelujah!

Amen

### Hymn 155

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Voices United

### Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair  
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

### Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

### Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name,

and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

### Christ is risen.

### Christ is risen, indeed.

### Thanks be to God.

### Solo

*Above All*

Kim Perrin

## Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Our father  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those  
Who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Hymn 161**                      *Welcome Happy Morning*                      Voices United

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world, the worries of this pandemic.

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.**

**Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.**

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Word of God Proclaimed

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Lesson**                      Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon**                      *Easter In The Ordinary*

**Hymn 186**                      *Now The Green Blade Rises*                      Voices United

### Sacrament of Communion

**Affirmation of our Faith:**    **A New Creed**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

**Prayer After Communion**

### Our Response to God

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 173**                      *Thine Is The Glory*                      Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *This Is Amazing Grace*  
Phil Wickham/Joshua Farro/Jeremy Riddle

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

***Thank you to Kim Perrin for the solo.***



## Announcements

**Conversations In Colour** - On Monday April 19th at 7 pm Antoinette and Rev. Jessica will be leading a discussion about the book *Everyday Ubuntu* by Mungi Ngomane. We will look at this African philosophy, how it can impact our life today and how it connects to and reflects what the scriptures teach us about being in community and respecting one another. If you are interested in participating please let Rev. Jessica know so that you can receive the Zoom link for the session.

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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/>

## Sunday School

### **This Week's Sunday School Activities - Easter Day**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. God's love in action is evident in the readings this week. Women proclaim the risen Christ. The Hebrew Scriptures speak of God's promises and Acts and 1 Corinthians proclaim the good news that is available to us all.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is John 20: 1-18. Some of the disciples cannot believe that Jesus is alive again. Indeed, people have wildly different reactions to Jesus' resurrection: Mary weeps, Peter runs away and many of the disciples are full of disbelief. In sharing about the Resurrection today, people will have a wide range of reactions and responses- from disbelief to being overwhelmed to fleeing from the experience and the emotions.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage a) What surprises did you hear in this story? b) What helped Mary to know that it was Jesus? c) Do you think that it was easy or hard for the disciples to believe Mary's message? d) What does it mean that Jesus is alive in a new way?

Additional Scripture Readings: Acts 10: 34-43, Isaiah 25: 6-9, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 and Mark 16: 1-8

The astonishing news of the Resurrection transformed Jesus' followers into courageous preachers of the good news of Jesus Christ. What is the good news for you in this? What would you go and tell others about what had happened?

2) Prayer: Christ is risen! Hope is alive and moves among us! Help us to proclaim this, Holy One. May we remember that despair is not the end of your story, Help us to live as an Easter people who believe that God's love has no restrictions. 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.

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