# Order of Worship Sunday June 20, 2021 Indigenous Day of Prayer



# **God Invites Us to Gather**

**Prelude** Pass It On arr. Mark Hayes

Performed by Robin Dalgleish

#### **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 gather this morning as the people of God.

We gather together with praise and thanksgiving.

As the Creator breathed life into creation,

May the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.

Reconciling us,

Building bridges,

Healing divisions.

Open our ears to hear you Word;

Open our hearts that we would be shaped by your Word.

Open our minds that we will be changed by your Word.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 367** Come Down O Love Divine Voices United

All Ages Learning: Being A Good Neighbour – the Haudenosaunee

Wampum Belt

# **Prayer of Confession**

O Great Spirit, God of all people, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own.

Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.

Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family. Forgive us God. And let us live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, the One who came that all people might live in dignity. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

New life is possible through the love and promise of Jesus Christ. No storm is too big for the Creator's love to redeem. Be assured that when we come before God with truly repentant hearts and the desire to reconcile and make new, we are forgiven, and given opportunities to begin again.

Special Music I Need You More Boomer Band

# The Word of God Proclaimed

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:35-41

**Sermon** In The Midst of Fearful Things Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn** 90 Don't Be Afraid More Voices

Our Response to God

**Prayers of the People** 

**Hymn** 647 Travel On Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction** 

Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed by Doug & Cathy Hitchcock in memory of their fathers, Frank Hitchcock and Arthur Lepper.

# **Sunday School**

# This Week's Sunday School Activities

This week's Bible Reading is Ephesians 6:1-4.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage.

a) What does this passage say to you? b) Think about your father or someone who is like a father to you. What have they done to bring you up in the training and instruction of the Lord?

A Story - One Sunday during the children's story, a little boy began to disturb the others around him. He spoke loudly and pushed other children so that he could move away from where they were all sitting. Then he began wandering around the altar area. His father came forward. What would he do? Get angry with his son? Force him to sit down and be quiet? Take him back to his pew or even out of the Sanctuary? His father walked up to altar area and put his arm lovingly around his child. He then helped him to go back to where the other children were sitting at the front of the church. Then without saying a word, he sat down beside his son and waited patiently. His presence helped his child behave better and he no longer disturbed others.

**Consider This** - Jesus sometimes used the word Abba to address God. The word is somewhat like Daddy, a closer less formal word than Father. It is like the difference between Mommy and Mother. We are all children of this kind of God, a close and loving God.

Sometimes we disturb others in some way or are disrespectful of them. Sometimes we say things before we've listened enough to know what we're talking about. Sometimes we step on people and shove them to get what we want and where we want to be. Sometimes we just wander around, not even realizing we are on sacred ground, for all ground is sacred. God then comes forward. What do we think God will do? Give up on us? Punish us? Take away our freedom? Instead, God sits down beside us and enfolds us in love. We feel the power of God's loving presence and that helps us do better.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for being with us. Thank you that nothing can separate us from your love. Help us to be loving towards others and encourage us to be a kind, caring and compassionate person. Amen

#### **Announcements**

**UCW Givings Change** – Please note that the method for giving to UCW using e-transfer has changed. There were some technical difficulties with the previous method! For e-transfer the email to be used is now <a href="mailto:stylucw@bell.net">stylucw@bell.net</a> and the name to use is *Streetsville UCW*. Our apologies for any confusion this has caused.

# 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 <a href="https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2/">https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2/</a>

### 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 <a href="https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-cafe/">https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-cafe/</a>

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); revimccrae@gmail.com

**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 <u>info@streetsvilleunited.ca</u> 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. <u>More guidance here.</u>
- You can e-transfer directly to the UCW. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name Streetsville UCW and email address <u>stvlucw@bell.net</u>. E-transfers are automatically deposited in the UCW church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers will be included on your UCW tax receipt. <u>More guidance here.</u>
- 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 <a href="mailto:nbeattie@rocketmail.com">nbeattie@rocketmail.com</a> 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.