

Order of Worship

Sunday July 11

The Adventures of Paul: Paul's Imprisonment

God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Performed by Robin Dagleish



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

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this space of love and grace,

Welcome to this space of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 218

We Praise You O God

Voices United

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession Based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, from the United Methodist Church USA

Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them".

For the times I believe I am better than others – forgive me.

For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others – forgive me.

For the times I avert my gaze so I won't have to look at their condition – forgive me.

For the times I wished they would all go away and live somewhere else – forgive me.

For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them – forgive me.

For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" – forgive me.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news. Through Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. God hears. God cares. God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Hymn 90

Don't Be Afraid

More Voices

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

God, your word is a light to our path,

Your word is a breath in our stillness,

Your word is water to our thirst:

Refresh us now, and speak through your word. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:19-40

Sermon

Finding Freedom

Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 567

Will You Come and Follow Me

Voices United

Our Response to God

Prayers of the People

Hymn 606

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Voices United

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

The Old Rugged Cross

Performed by Michelle Chung



Sunday School

This Week's Sunday School Activities

This week's Bible Reading Psalm 96: 1-9.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage.

a) What does this passage say to you? b) In what ways can you worship the Lord? c) What song would you sing to the Lord?

A Story - Rick's family has a small cabin on a beautiful lake not too far from his home. His mother and father have been taking him there since he was a baby. At the cabin, Rick is reminded of all the nature and the wonderful world God created for us. He loves to walk along the lake and listen to the sounds of the water and the birds in the trees. When he is there, Rick feels very close to God. It is as if he could almost reach out and touch God. Rick thinks of the cabin as a special place because he is always reminded of God's presence when he is there.

Sharing Together - Consider choosing an area in your home where you can gather together and pray to God. Let everyone in your family help with the decision. Plan together the things that you can bring to that part of your home that remind you of God. (family Bible, special treasures, candles, a cross) are some examples. Consider including a family picture or a special prayer.

Prayer: Come into our home Lord. May it be a place that welcomes you. May it be a place where our family feels your loving presence. May it be a place where others find comfort, peace and love. Come into our hearts. Come be with us Lord. Amen

July 18th Service - I hope that you are enjoying your summer holidays. There is no lesson next week but I encourage you to write down or draw those things for which you are grateful. As well, if you are able, continue looking for the loose change around the house to donate to the Church.

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/>

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); revjmccrae@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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