

Order of Worship
Sunday September 5, 2021
Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living

Welsh Melody Asgrove

Performed by Robin Dalglish

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

God of Life,

you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

that we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,

that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Open our hearts,

that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 218

We Praise You O God

Voices United

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us God, for not listening properly.

In the clamour of a needy world, we become deaf to individual voices.

We fail to hear those who are beside us;

We fail to hear those whose experiences are different from us,

We fail to work together in the ways you call us,

We fail to put the needs of others ahead of our own wants and needs.

Open our ears, God, so that we may hear

Open our eyes so we can recognize the need

Open our heart so we can respond to each other with healing love.

...Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

God knows where we are coming from when we speak from fatigue, anxiety or anger, but God also knows where we are going. God envisions a time of healing for all and invites us to take up our role in that vision. We are enfolded in divine love, forgiveness is offered for our mistakes and healing is offered for our brokenness. God catches us in our stumbling humanity, and offers us opportunities to begin again. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

I Will Rise

Licensed CCLI

(Duet – Kim Perrin and Dee Hopkins)

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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

Living Into Wholeness

Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 117

Jesus Christ is Waiting

Voices United

Sacrament of Communion

Profession of Faith: ***A New Creed*** (below)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Elements



Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal realm.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music *For Where Love Is There Is God*
(Duet – Cathy Hitchcock and Dianne Nowoselski)

Our Response to God

Prayers of the People

Hymn 258 *O World of God* Voices United

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude *Blessings* Laura Mixon Story
Performed by Robin Dalglish

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.

Meetings

Today (Sunday)

Virtual Coffee Hour – No coffee hour this week – enjoy your long weekend!

This Week

Thu. 1:15 pm – Friendship Circle in Heritage Hall.

Thu. 8 – 9:30 pm – Boomer Band practice.

Upcoming Events

Tue. Sep. 21 1:30 pm – Sunshine Circle in Heritage Hall.

Announcements

Loose Coin Challenge Continues until Sep. 15! Thank you very much to all that are participating! Loonies and Toonies all add up. Keep the jars handy and check pockets and purses each day.

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 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.