

Order of Worship
Sunday October 10
Thanksgiving Sunday

God Invites Us to Gather



Prelude

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

Come, you thankful people, come.

Come, you whose thankfulness is not yet full.

Come. You who are heartsick this day.

Come, you who are bursting with excitement and energy.

Come, you smiling, hope-filled people.

Come everyone into the deep presence of God.

Come and let thankfulness rise!

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 516 *Come You Thankful People Come* Voices United

Prayer of Confession

As we gather on this Thanksgiving Day we know that others are in need. We live in a world in which a few take advantage of the many, the rich take advantage of the poor, the full take advantage of the hungry.

We give thanks for food, and then eat too much.

We give thanks for your love and then forget that we are your gifts of love to others.

Enable us to be the thankful people you would have us be, O God.

And open our lives to thankful action.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is abundant in love and mercy. On this day of Thanksgiving, delight in God's faithfulness, for we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Mark 10:17-31

Sermon *When Things Begin To Unravel* Rev. Jessica McCrae

Hymn 560 *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* Voices United

Our Response to God

Prayers of the People

Hymn 236 *Now Thank We All Our God* Voices United

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

We warmly welcome Robin Dalgleish as guest musician this week.



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Sunday School

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Have a blessed time with family and friends as you are able.

This Week's Sunday School Activities - Finding Our Way

This week's scripture readings are about things that seem impossible. In one story, Jesus talks about something that is physically impossible. He also asks a man to do something that the man feels would be impossible to do. In other passages, the people's suffering is such that they find it impossible that God would still be listening to their cries of despair. In all cases, God is ever-present, prompting people with new possibilities. God's spirit accompanies us on the journey.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 10:17-31. The idea of a camel moving through the tiny eye of a needle is ridiculous. In a literal sense, it is impossible. It is possible that Jesus was trying to make a point that since the idea of a camel going through the tiny eye of a needle is ludicrous (and only wealthy people could afford a camel to carry their worldly possessions), so is the idea of a wealthy person getting into the realm of God. It would not be forgiven but a person caught up in the creation of more wealth may not readily notice how God's realm operates. In that sense, the rich person may be more focused on their possessions than on God's promises and possibilities. Jesus suggests that selling all that we have and giving the money to the poor will in turn give us an investment in God. Invest in those in need and you will be investing in God.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage.

a) What might be some of the reasons why the rich man wasn't willing to let go? b) What would you do if you were asked to give up one to three things that you rely on during the day? c) What would help you to be able to give them up?

Additional Scripture Readings: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15 and Hebrews 4: 12-16

Even when life seems impossible, God prompts us with new ways of being and with new possibilities for life. This ever-present God invites us to lean into God's possibility of love.

What possibilities do you think God might be imagining for you? How might you invest in God? What might you need to give up to follow God's ways more closely?

2) Prayer: God of life, you call us to give ourselves to you. Sometimes we cannot imagine your possibilities. Sometimes we value our possessions more than we value your love and promises. Sometimes we do not want to give up anything. Help us to live more faithfully as your followers. Challenge us to risk ourselves. Show us what we need to give up to be closer to you. Amen

Announcements

COVID Prescreening – If you are attending a church service, please prescreen before your arrival. This will go a long way to streamlining the entry process and allow everyone to get to a seat quickly. **See below for prescreening questions.** If you answer YES to any of them, do not attend the service.

Tech Team Volunteers needed! Help is needed to add to our team of volunteers who run the sound/video board for Sunday services each week. If you think you could offer your time during a service, even occasionally, or have any questions, please email the office at info@streetsvilleunited.ca and Kelly will put you in contact with the team for training.

Pathway Breakfast Club Needs Our Help! - The Pathway Breakfast Club at Forest Ridge is located at the corner of Ridgeway and The Collegeway. The Breakfast Club is providing tasty and nutritious takeout breakfasts to 25+ children every morning. We're looking for volunteers to help our lovely coordinator pack and prepare the breakfasts. If you're an early riser who would be willing to volunteer one or two mornings per week, beginning at 6:45 am, please contact a member of the Pathway Breakfast Club board for more information. Board members from Streetsville United Church include Bev Mathew, Randa Tadros, Nicole Santos, and Rob Gravelins.

Our Prayer Chain is available. When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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 stvlucw@bell.net. 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. [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.
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Covid-19 Screening Questions

Before coming to Church, pre-screen yourself for the following symptoms and situations:

- Do you have a fever; are you feeling feverish, or having chills?
- Do you have a new or worsening cough, or difficulty breathing?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Have you recently lost your sense of smell or taste?
- Do you have nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain?
- Do you have a runny/congested nose (not related to seasonal allergies or other known causes or conditions)?
- Have you come in close contact with a person with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has come in close contact of a confirmed case COVID-19, in the past 14 days?
- Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days or been in contact with someone who is sick and who has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, please do not come to Church