

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday October 17**

**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**

We gather this morning as the people of God.

**We gather together with praise and thanksgiving.**

As God breathed life into creation,

**Let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.**

Open our ears to hear your Word;

**Open our hearts that we would be shaped 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

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that at times our lives are out of balance.

**We push to get things done and in the process forget people.**

**We consume without wondering how things come to us.**

**We don't take time to listen, to learn, to understand.**

Our hopes overshadow the moment and our state of rush causes us to pass the beauty of our world with little notice.

**Forgive our grasping.**

**Bring us peace and gratitude.**

**Give us patience to listen, to learn, to understand.**

**Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Mark 10:35-45

**Sermon**                                      *The Pursuit of Power*                      Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 509**                                      *Here I Am, Lord*                      Voices United

**Our Response to God**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 651**                      *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*                      Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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We warmly welcome Robin Dalgleish as guest musician this week.



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## Sunday School

### This Week's Sunday School Activities - A New Way

God both comforts us and invites us out of our comfort zones. To be close to God is to recognize that He calls us to serve others and to extend ourselves beyond our own desires. To be close to God is to recognize the majesty and wonder of His creation and to be humbled by His glory.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 10: 35-45. After following Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, the disciples decide that they want to remain close to him. However, in the same way that they misunderstand what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem (Mark 10: 32), this makes their desire to remain close to Jesus somewhat challenging. What they seek in terms of closeness is not to imitate Jesus' servanthood but to gain a privileged position. Jesus in speaking to his disciples, makes the distinction that their place in the community is not what rank or authority they have over others but in what service they can render in their midst. Closeness to Jesus comes from imitating the way that he lived his life for others.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passages.

a) What do we learn about greatness and service from Jesus' teachings? b) What would be your definition of greatness? c) What do you think Jesus means when he says that those who wish to be first must serve others? d) Who are examples of "servant leaders" in your life and experience and what have you learned from them about service and greatness?

Additional Scripture Readings: Job 38: 1-7, 34-41, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35 and Hebrews 5: 1-10

Where do you struggle with seeking privilege of position above the possibility of serving? How can you open up more to awe and wonder? What transformations might Jesus' words about greatness and service work in your congregation?

2) Prayer: God of mystery and majesty, you call all life into being. Call us to the places where we may best serve you. Call us to the service where we may follow you most closely. Amen

## Announcements

**Coin Challenge** - The challenge is now complete; many thanks to those participants who found coins in a "pandemic-period" totaling more than \$325. You can still get in on the challenge; simply enclosed coins in an envelope and drop off at the church.

**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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca) and Kelly will put you in contact with the team for training.

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### Finance Update September '21 YTD Position

After 9-months:

|                | ACTUAL<br>2021 | BUDGET<br>2021 |                           |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Total Revenue  | 171,688        | 187,549        | Assistance Needed         |
| Total Expenses | 188,122        | 198,664        | Well controlled this year |
| NET INCOME     | (16,434)       | (11,115)       |                           |

Revenue is down by \$15,861. Receipts are primarily dragging in envelope givings. Rentals are slowing returning and we will have a month or so continuing Government Subsidies, but at a much reduced rate. In person envelope givings, e-transfers, mail offerings, and drop-offs are required to close the budget gap in revenues.

**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](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 [stvlucw@bell.net](mailto: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](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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## 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**