

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday October 24**

**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**

**Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 345**                      *Come Children Join To Sing*                      Voices United

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**                      Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon**                      *What Do You See?*                      Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 371**                      *Open My Eyes That I May See You*                      Voices United

**Our Response to God**

**Closing Liturgy**                      Romans 8:38-39

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 660**                      *How Firm A Foundation*                      Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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We warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician this week.

**Sunday School**

**This Week's Sunday School Activities - The Way of Exclusion**

People like Bartimaeus the psalmist and Job in this week's readings cry out to God for different reasons. Some cry from places of exclusion and frustration, some from places of joy and thanksgiving and some from places of confusion and desperation. We discover that God responds in different ways. God heals, God listens and God offers renewal. As a result, we can experience a renewed faith and deepened desire to follow God's ways.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 10: 46-52. This is not a simple story about an individual with a disability, nor is it a simple story about a physical cure for someone who is blind. Instead, this is a more complicated story about a person being restored back to their community. In biblical times, a person with any disability was an outcast, physically excluded from the rest of the community and relegated to the fringes of society. Bartimaeus, who was blind, was no exception to this. He was a beggar with few other choices in life because of his blindness. Separated from his community and living in poverty and on the margins of society, it is little wonder that when Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is in the area, he cries out and begs for mercy. He wants his sight back. When he makes this request, he is told that his faith has made him well and immediately he can see.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passages.

a) What do you think encouraged Bartimaeus to ask for what he needed? b) Why do you think that the crowd tried to quiet Bartimaeus? c) In what ways might young people in our communities and churches be silenced? Why? d) What might cause you to "take heart" and speak or act for others or yourself? e) Who are those who are calling out today to be seen and to be listened to? How might we all respond?

Additional Scripture Readings: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 and Hebrews 7: 23-28

God offers a response to the cries of the people in each story. In the case of Bartimaeus, Jesus challenges the ways of exclusion. He heals the community. Have you ever cried out to God? How did God respond? When have you experienced healing in your community?

2) Prayer: God of community, sometimes we erect barriers that exclude. Sometimes we isolate and alienate one another. But your community is bigger than we can ever imagine. Challenge our ways of exclusion and heal us from arrogance. Open our hearts so we might live in ways that create better places of belonging for all. Amen

## Announcements

**Pastoral Care Emergencies** – Rev. Irene Ty will be covering pastoral care emergencies Oct. 25-31 and can be reached at [irene@bellnet.ca](mailto:irene@bellnet.ca).

**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 urgently!** 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.

**Christmas Donations** - After the success of last year's Christmas donations from our congregation to various local organizations, we are looking forward to contributing again this year. The following information is about the specific organizations, what they would appreciate receiving and how you can help if you wish.

**1. The Elizabeth Fry Society.** They we would appreciate receiving gifts for their women and girls who are working on re-integrating into society. They accommodate 10 youth females and 15 adult women in their residential programs for a total of 25. They would prefer gift cards and small hygiene items for them, as their program has high turnover, and it is easier for the women and girls to access outside stores once they leave their program. They look for Walmart, Shopper's Drug Mart and dollar store cards.

**2. The Salvation Army.** The Salvation Army has been an organization that our Sunday School has contributed to for many years. They would appreciate receiving gift certificates from Claire's, Shopper's Drug Mart and Dollar Stores. They would be happy to receive certificates for food stores. This year, they are accepting new toys and games as well.

**3. The Open Door.** For years, our congregation has been supporting The Open Door with gifts, clothing and meals for their clients. This year due to Covid, they are only looking for gift certificates and toiletry

items. They always appreciate small gift bags with these items or donated individually.

**4. Eden Food for Change.** Since this food bank now operates a satellite site from Streetsville United Church, there is an opportunity to donate non-perishable items to them.

**5. Cash** If you would prefer to donate cash, it would also be appreciated.

### How you can help

If you have gift certificates or cash and are attending in-person services, you can place them in an envelope with the Organization's name on the front and put in the collection box. If you have food or games and toys, there will be baskets in the Narthex. Gift certificates or cash in an envelope may be placed in one of the two secure mail boxes at the church. You may also bring the food and toys or games to the church during the week when Kelly is in the office Tue – Fri 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Ring the bell outside the office door and she can take your donations. The last day for donations to be accepted will be Sunday **December 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be delivered that week.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your deliveries, please call Cathy Hitchcock at 905-564-0139. Thank you in advance for your assistance once again this year.

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**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**