

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday October 3, 2021**  
**World Wide Communion 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**

Hundreds of millions of Christians all over the world come into times of worship today just like us:

**Where young and older can sit side by side,  
Where heaven and earth embrace in communion,  
Where God has been, God is, and God always will be.**

We come to this time:

**Where we can see God's steadfast love,  
Where we can hear the voice of Jesus,  
Where we can listen to the melodies of our thankful songs.**

We come to gather around this table, Christ's table:

**Where we can bring our hunger and be fed,  
Where we can bring our emptiness and be filled,  
Where we can bring ourselves and be loved.**

Let us come, and worship God.

**Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 274**      *Your Hand O God Has Guided*      Voices United

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**      Job 1:1, 2:1-10

**Sermon**      *Struggling With The Mystery*      Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 670**      *Precious Lord Take My Hand*      Voices United

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Our Response to God**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Hymn 678**      *For The Healing Of The Nations*      Voices United

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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We warmly welcome Michelle Chung as guest musician this week.



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## Sunday School

**This Week's Sunday School Activities** - Last Sunday's scripture reading in the service was Mark 9: 38-50. I encourage you to read this scripture passage again, especially in light of The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this past Thursday. I also encourage you to take time to reflect on how you felt after experiencing the day.

1) As mentioned above, the focus Bible Reading this week is Mark 9: 38-50. The season after Pentecost is also known as Ordinary Time. The scripture for this week however is not at all about being ordinary. It is about being different and being clear about following God's ways. This week's reading invites us all to explore what it means to be faithful and to consider ways that we create barriers or tend toward attitudes of exclusion and how we can create better communities of belonging for all peoples.

Issues of boundaries and acceptance are some of the questions that the first disciples and first readers raised in the gospel of Mark. In a cultural context where who was "in", who was "out" and who was "right" were important concerns. The first disciples find themselves preoccupied with another person who is not part of their little group. In this story, Jesus moves the disciples away from thinking about who belongs and who doesn't. Instead, Jesus challenges them to a broader understanding of community and to overcome their own challenges and limitations rather than someone else's. Jesus draws the disciples away from their own exclusionary attitudes and to see the way God is at work in the community.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passage

a) What happens to you when you help someone else who may think or act differently from you? b) How do you feel when you include these people in your group?

One of the marks of Christian discipleship is a willingness to be different. This is not always easy. However, being different can result in healing, life and a better place of belonging for others in the community. Are there ways that you can be different to more faithfully follow Jesus?

2) Prayer: God of love, sometimes we are too confident that our ways are the only ways and we become too comfortable in our exclusive

communities. Grant us grace, humility and wisdom to expand our ways of thinking so we might honour your God-given differences in the people around us and better accept your way of guidance for us all. Amen

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### 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.



**Loose Coin Challenge has ended** - Thank you very much to all who participated! Anna will be in the parking lot after church to take your collections of coins. If needed, please call the office to ask for a pickup or come to the church and drop off to Kelly any time Tuesday to Friday 8:30 – 12:30.

**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.

**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.

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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.

**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**