



Order of Worship
Sunday November 21
Reign of Christ Sunday

God Invites Us to Gather

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

The ground we stand on today is rich in the traditions of many First Nations people and the Metis. We acknowledge that our church is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. These lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. As we gather to worship today on these treaty lands, we do so in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Call to Worship

Holy God, we give you thanks for guiding us with compassion and mercy. For the sake of this confusing, mixed-up world, we turn to you as the wise monarch. May we shout your alleluias as we lift our voice in praise and thanksgiving. Let us worship together. Alleluia! (adapted from Gathering, Pentecost 2021, Year B)

Opening Prayer

Hymn 218 *We Praise You, O God* Voices United

Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 132
 John 18:33-37

Sermon *What It Means to be King* Mary Parsons

Hymn 213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Voices United

Our Response to God

Our Offerings

Sung Dedication 542 *We Give You But Your Own* Voices United

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 161 *I Have Called You by Your Name* More Voices

Blessing

Postlude

This week we warmly welcome Mary Parsons as guest Preacher and Robin Dagleish as guest musician.



About Mary Parsons – Mary is a United Church ‘lifer’, baptized and married in Bluevale, a small village in southwestern Ontario and has lived in Oakville since 1988. After retiring from a long nursing career in 2020, Mary felt a gentle calling to lay worship leadership and began studies through the United Church of Canada toward becoming a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. Hoping to complete the course by next June it has given her an opportunity for deep reflection of her own theology and awareness of the responsibility to preach the Word of God. Mary’s practical leadership style includes honouring tradition while bringing God’s message of love and grace into our everyday lives.

Sunday School

This Week's Sunday School Activities - Reign of Christ

The reign of God, observed on this Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, unfolds wherever people choose to live under God's authority. Witness to the truth of God's reign may unsettle those in power who presume authority that is not theirs. The wisdom and power of God's realm overarches all. Jesus invites us to enter this wise reign of God as the holy friends of God and earth.

1) The focus Bible Reading this week is John 18:33-37. This passage opens the trial of Jesus before Pilate, Rome's governor in Judea, who ruled on the emperor's behalf and who commanded Rome's troops in Judea. The trial before Pilate follows the questioning of Jesus by the high priest. Pilate sits in judgement as the agent of Roman power, not as an arbiter of Jewish traditions. Pilate is told that Jesus is a criminal (verse 30). A more serious allegation (or rumour) is that Jesus is a king. (verse 34). "Are you the king of the Jews?" Each gospel begins its account of the trial with this question. "King" or "king of the Jews" is used often in John's gospel and occurs nine times before the trial before Pilate. This text invites the community for their allegiance -and ours- to a realm whose wisdom and power stand in stark contrast to that of Rome and its contemporaries.

Questions to consider after reading this Bible passages.

a) What do you think Jesus means when he says that his kingdom is not of this world? b) What are the truths at the heart of Jesus' teachings and the way he lived his life? c) What do you think are the differences between truth and power? d) What have you learned about living in God's way from the things that Jesus said or did?

Additional Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132 and Revelation 1: 4-8

Jesus speaks truth to power about ultimate power. Jesus' witness invites us to take our part in God's wise reign by living out the truth of that witness. How do these passages illuminate or challenge our observance of this Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday? Where do we hear and see the reign of God given witness and embodiment today?

2) Prayer: Holy God, your reign weds justice and love, grace and truth, wisdom and compassion. Help us to listen for your voice that claims us within your reign. From such grace of belonging, launch us to bear witness to you realm with the whole of our lives. 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 symptoms and guidelines.**

Christmas Service – A Church Christmas service is being planned for **Sun. Dec. 19th**. Robin Dalglish will be our musical accompanist. The service will include Christmas hymns and songs, Christmas bible readings and special Christmas readings and prayers. **Advent Candles** – We will be lighting the Advent Candles for the 4 weeks of the season, beginning Nov. 28th. If you are interested in participating in either of these, please contact Cathy Hitchcock 905-564-0139 or hitchcock@rogers.com

Pastoral Charge Supervisor – Rev. Kate Young is the church's Pastoral Charge Supervisor until a supply Minister is found. She can be reached at 416-577-3305 or kate@munnsunited.com

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 12th** 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.

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

Message from Church Council

At the November 9th Church Council meeting, a motion was passed for Streetsville United Church to implement proof of vaccination requirements for those attending religious services at our location. This motion was based on the Ontario Government's "A plan to safely reopen Ontario and manage COVID-19 for the long-term" guidance (October 2021), which states that where religious services take place, the location may implement proof of vaccination requirements for services at that location. In addition, that the majority of individuals contacted by members of the Pastoral Care Committee in October 2021 stated they would feel more comfortable returning to in-person worship, if proof of vaccination requirements for attendance at Streetsville United Church were put in place.

This requirement will be implemented effective Sunday November 28, 2021. Individuals attending services at Streetsville must be fully vaccinated to attend service, or have a valid medical exemption. Children who are 11 years of age and younger, and currently unable to be vaccinated, will also be exempted from these requirements. You are considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the last dose of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine (your second dose of a 2-dose vaccine, or a single dose of a 1-dose vaccine), or any combination of these vaccines.

You must provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and personal identification to attend the service. Your proof of vaccination is your Government-issued vaccine receipt (paper copy) or the enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code on your smart phone.

The decision to implement this policy was a difficult one, as it potentially excludes some from attending service, but it was done in the interest of keeping people safe. According to the government guidance, implementation of this policy allows us to lift capacity limits and physical distancing requirements. However, we will maintain these physical distancing requirements at present. In addition, we will continue to live-stream our services.

Kate Sparrow & Bill Powell
On Behalf of Church council

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.

Covid-19 Screening Questions

Symptoms of COVID-19 may be different for each person. It's important that you do not ignore symptoms, even if they are mild. Look for symptoms that are new, getting worse, or different than usual for you. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, self-isolate and get tested immediately.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not come to Church:

- fever (37.8 C or higher) and chills
- cough or barking cough (croup)
- shortness of breath
- decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste
- muscle aches and joint pain (for adults)
- extreme tiredness (for adults)
- nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (for children and youth)

Less common symptoms may occur. Special attention should be paid if they happen in children, seniors, and people living with a developmental disability.

Thank you for keeping us all safe!

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