



Order of Worship Sunday May 15

God Invites Us to Gather

Before the Service Boomer Band

Prelude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

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

Opening Prayer:

We confess to you, generous God that we struggle to receive what you offer us.

We hurry past your love. We often treat ourselves with condemnation and even contempt.

We confess to you, living God, our failure to live as beloved children.

We confess to you, loving God, that we have not loved as you have loved us.

We confess to you, gracious God, our failure to live in harmony as sisters and brothers.

We have failed to maintain the spirit of unity you have given us.

We confess to you, Sovereign God that we have not acknowledged you as over all and through all and in all.

Our lips have prayed "Yours will be done on earth as in heaven" but our lives have spoken otherwise.

Lord, have mercy on us. Amen

Children's Time

Children and youth leave for Sunday School

Special Music Boomer Band

Scripture Reading Psalm 148 Wendy Johnson

Hymn 288 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Voices United

Sermon *A New Command* Rev. Don Gibson
(John 13:31-35)

Hymn 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Voices United

Call to Offer Our Gifts

Anthem *Delight Yourself in the Lord*
music Michael Barrett
words J. Paul Williams

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing

• **Benediction** *Go Now In Peace* Don Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid,

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.



Postlude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Arr. Mark Hayes

This week, we warmly welcome Robin Dalgleish as guest musician.

Meetings

Today

11:00 am – Confirmation Class in the library

This Week

Tue. 1:30 pm – Sunshine Circle in the Fellowship Lounge.

Wed. 9:30 am – Men's Coffee Hour – all men of the church are invited to an informal gathering in Heritage Hall. We hope to see you there!

Thu. 11:00 am – Midweek Connection – Zoom/phone meeting for fellowship.

Thu. May 12 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in Heritage Hall.

Upcoming Events

Sat. May 28 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Garage Sale and BBQ!

Sun. May 29 11 am – Confirmation Class in the library (1.5 hours).

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MacGregor's Meat Fundraiser! – Questions? Contact Bev Mathew at 905-826-5005 or bev.mathew@rogers.com

Harvest of Crafts Sale - Save the Date! The Harvest of Crafts Sale is returning! **Saturday October 29 from 9:30 – 3 pm.** This will be a new and revised format for these times. We look forward to seeing you again!

We are also collecting the jam jars used over the last 2 years. These are the 250 ml size that require 2 piece sealing lids. They may be dropped off in the Fellowship Lounge

Eden Food for Change Donations - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex.

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 Training will be provided.

Sunday School

This Week's Sunday School Activities – Spirit of Solidarity

Being led by the inclusive spirit of the risen Christ can put us at odds with human impulses for separation and institutional impulses for maintaining control. The texts this week give witness to the spirit of Christ at work and the solidarity we are given with one another and with all creation.

1) The Scripture Reading during the Service is John 13: 31-35. This reading returns us to Jesus' last night with his followers. In leaving this earthly life, Jesus calls on them to love one another, which sums up what Jesus has been teaching over the previous three years. It is a universal message, one that is inclusive and life-changing. Love one another without restriction and condition. This is the way in which people will know the disciples of Jesus and the solidarity we are called to proclaim. This passage may well be the core of everything Jesus said and did in his ministry.

Additional Scripture Readings: Psalm 148, Acts 11:1-18 and Revelation 21:1-6

Reflections on the readings from this Sunday.

a) How do the words of Psalm 148 echo the message of Peter's vision? b) What attitudes are encouraged in your group of friends and what ones are frowned upon? c) Who are those who might be feeling excluded in our churches, our schools and our communities? d) How might we practice God's vision of inclusion in our everyday lives? God seeks individuals and communities willing to risk new ways of seeing and receiving. How can we open ourselves to welcome the still emerging and unfolding story of God's gracious actions in our time? In what new ways might Jesus command for love to take shape for you and your faith community?

2) God who loves creation in all its diversity, speak to us who narrow, define, put into a specific slot and exclude those who are not like us. May we view the world as you see it in all its strange beauty and wonderful diversity. Amen

Support those who support you

Giving thanks is an important part of living faithfully. We are extremely grateful for your past and continuing support. Without you, our mission to spread God's word and support our communities would be impossible. It is a way to sow, to *invest* in the church, so that all may reap the blessings to come.

Streetsville United Church needs you now more than ever. Please consider any of the many ways to invest in our church to continue supporting our congregation and surrounding communities. Small changes like a slight weekly or monthly increase or more regular giving go a long way. All giving methods are on the website or contact the office for help.

- You can e-transfer directly to the church (use info@streetsvilleunited.ca) or to the UCW (use stvlucw@bell.net).
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps).
- Mailing in a cheque or post-dated cheques to the church (or drop off at secure mailboxes front and back of the church)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) - automatic monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Bev Mathew at bev.mathew@rogers.com or 905-826-5005.

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Narthex* – Nanci Anderson *Sanctuary* – Laura Mara *Fellowship Lounge* – Charlie Walsh *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock
Reader – Wendy Johnson

Assisting Next Week: *Narthex* – Anita King *Sanctuary* – Tony Tadros
Fellowship Lounge – Jennifer Honsa *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock
Reader – Diane Wilton

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

Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite

Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

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