



Order of Worship
Sunday May 8
Christian Family Sunday
60th Anniversary of UCW

God Invites Us to Gather

- *indicates standing for all who are able*

Gathering	<i>Let Us Build A House</i>	Marty Haugen
	<i>Come Now is the Time to Worship</i>	Brian Doerksen
Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Mark Hayes

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.

- **Hymn 339** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Voices United

Call to Worship (*Psalm 89*) Chloe Potts
God, you are so great!

I want to tell everyone I know about you.

I want to sing about how much you love me, about the beautiful world you made.

I will sing for you all day long!

Opening Prayer *Voices United 557* James McLellan

Children's Time

- **Hymn 331 (Tune)** *The Church's One Foundation* Voices United
Words by Betty Turcott
(at beginning of hymn, children and youth leave for Sunday School)

Gathering

UCW

We gather today to celebrate, to remember, to offer gratitude for 60 years of Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service.

We give thanks.

For the leadership inside and outside the walls of the church, and at all levels of the United Church Women.

We give thanks.

For the hospitality, pastoral care, and outreach ministries provided through receptions and events of all kinds.

We give thanks.

For the willingness to fill in when needed – to lead a church service, to organize an event, and to provide money for an item not on any budget line.

We give thanks.

For attending meetings – local, provincial, regional and national, and bringing back ideas, new study books, and new hymns suggestions.

We give thanks.

For supporting camping ministries, Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School, World Day of Prayer, Mission and Service, food banks, and much more.

We give thanks.

For decorating at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving or finding someone to take on the task.

We give thanks.

For pushing for changes when the carpet got worn, the curtains shabby, and the room needed a cleaning and a painting.

We give thanks.

For their many and varied ministries over 60 years,

We give thanks for their gifts and talents, and sharing their treasures.

Gathering Prayer

UCW

We gather this day in gratitude and thanksgiving for the thousands of women across Canada who gave over 60 years of Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service to their churches, their pastoral charges/communities of faith, their Presbyterial/regions, and to the national UCW. We give thanks to the families who supported them in their endeavours while eyeing the goodies on the counter – that were going to the church. For their energy, vision, outreach, and pastoral care, we give thanks. In gratitude, Amen.

Recognition of Long Time Service		UCW
Prayer of Gratitude and Hope		UCW
Anthem	<i>Into Your Hands</i> (Women of the choir)	Alice Fillamore
Scripture Reading	Acts 9:36-43	
Anthem	<i>A Mother's Hand</i>	Ruth Elaine Schram
Sermon	<u><i>Alive!</i></u>	Rev. Don Gibson
Call to Offer Gifts		
Prayer of Dedication		
Prayers of the People		UCW
Lord's Prayer		
• Hymn 330	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Voices United
• Blessing		
• Benediction	<i>Go Now In Peace</i>	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	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	arr. Mark Hayes

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

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History of United Church Women

The UCW officially came into being on January 1, 1962. Its purpose was to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. (ROP 1960, p.304)

Women integrated into their national-level work into the boards of the United Church, and blended their two organizations, the Women Missionary Society and the Women's Association, into one: the United Church Women. The Women's Federation also joined the UCW at this time. Across the country, 300,000 women joined as charter members. The structure of the new organization was the same as that of the national church: Conference, Presbyterial and local units, with UCW representatives participating at all levels of United Church structure.

Since the inauguration of the UCW, many projects have been initiated and completed, from worship and Bible study, to sending barrels of clothing overseas, to supporting the Mission & Service of the United Church of Canada with over \$129 million in contributions.

Vision

As women of faith, we believe in nurturing Christian spirituality by reaching out through commitment and devotion to all God's people in the promotion of truth, justice, peace, caring and respect throughout the earth, God's world.

We believe in honouring God the Creator, and loving others through generous giving and joyful living.

We believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves both individually and together through creative study, prayer, and action.

Meetings

This Week

Tue. 7:00 pm – Church Council meeting in Heritage Hall.

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

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

Upcoming Events

Sun. May 15 11:00 am – Confirmation Class in the library (1.5 hours)

Tue. May 17 1:30 pm – Sunshine Circle in the FL.

Wed. May 18 9:30 am – Men's Group coffee and fellowship in HH.

Announcements

Special Birds for Sale - Mary Dobson has been making Peace Doves. There are a limited number of these small, white birds, which have a blue and yellow ribbon around them. In the Narthex for \$20. The money is to support aid for the Ukrainian people. Thanks for your support.

MacGregor's Meat Fundraiser! – In progress. Watch for a separate email with details.

Garage Sale – Saturday May 28 9 am – 2:30 am – We need your items and your help. For detailed information please see last week's email (limited printed copies in the Narthex).

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 – Stand Firm in Your Identity

Scripture links our identity to the identity of God. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, as Genesis tells us, then the image we have of God matters a great deal. If we perceive God as controlling, this shapes our identity.

If however, our image of God is of one who is caring about people, their language and place within the community, then we are more likely to develop an identity that does not oppress others. The resurrection of Christ is God's response to the domination of Rome and therefore shapes the character of all who live as faithful disciples to Christ.

1) The Scripture Reading during the Service is Acts 9:-36-43. This reading focuses on a disciple in Joppa whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good and helping the poor and was a beautiful seamstress. What is your identity? How shall you be known? These are the questions with which Tabitha lived. They are also questions for the early church to whom Acts is written as well as questions for us today. Tabitha's name links her to her ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who trusted God would lead them to new life; Moses and Miriam, who led people out of slavery; the prophets who proclaimed the justice and compassion of God. Tabitha was a follower of Jesus the Christ, who was from the same lineage. Dorcas is her Greek name, the official language of the Roman Empire. After Tabitha/Dorcas dies, Peter comes to Joppa to see her for himself. Alone in the upper room he says "Tabitha, get up". She opens her eyes and gets up. She was then presented to the believers and widows and from then on she continued to give witness to resurrection compassion and resistance. Additional Scripture Readings: Psalm 23, John 10: 22-30 and Revelation 7: 9-17

Reflections on the readings from this Sunday.

a) What kind of relationship do you think Tabitha had with the widows in Joppa? b) What do you think Tabitha is honoured by the writer in Acts with the designation as a "disciple"? c) What can we learn from these readings about love and service that is life-giving? d) Who are good role models in the world today of this kind of leadership? e) What are some ways that we can show God's love in our everyday lives?

Some traditions observe this Sunday as Good Shepherd Sunday and Psalm 23 has direct thematic connections with that observance. John 10:22-30 is set in an entire chapter that explores Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Consider Tabitha's story. In what ways might her ministry provide another perspective into this observance and our own identity as those who "shepherd" the way of Christ?

2) To what should we devote ourselves, O God? Turn us toward those who show us how to serve as neighbours through life-giving words and deeds. May we be bold in following their example, as we grow as disciples of the Christ. Amen

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Narthex* – Bev Mathew *Sanctuary* – Kate Sparrow
Fellowship Lounge – Nadean Harley *Elevator* – Anna Loughlin

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

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.
