### **Welcome Team**

Assisting This Week: Narthex – Nadean Harley, Laura Mara Sanctuary – John Wilton Elevator – Peter Mara Potluck Lunch – Pastoral Care Reader – Dianne Nowoselski

Assisting Next Week: Narthex – Anna Loughlin, Kent Sweetman Sanctuary – Gail Boulton Elevator – Tony Tadros
Coffee Hour - Outreach Reader – Ken Boulton

**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.

### **Sharing Our Offerings:**

As we come to the sharing of our offerings, let us recall that in the faith community, giving is not an obligation but an opportunity, not a requirement but a desire, not a burden but a blessing. 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.

Streetsville United Church needs you now more than ever. Please consider any of the several ways to support our congregation and our work in the surrounding communities. Small changes, like a slight weekly or monthly increase, or more regular givings, can 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 <u>info@streetsvilleunited.ca</u>) or the UCW (use <u>stvlucw@bell.net</u>)
- 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 <a href="mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com">bev.mathew@rogers.com</a> or 905-826-5005.
- When attending in person, dropping your offering in one of the two wooden boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

October 16, 2022



Anchored in God's Word...

Moving into God's Future

Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Serving God and our neighbours in the local community.

## **Order of Worship**

### **God Invites Us to Gather**

• indicates standing for all who are able

**Prelude** More Precious than Silver Lyn Deshazo

Give Thanks Henry Smith

Gathering All Are Welcome Hymn 1, More Voices

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Land Acknowledgement** 

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121, written by Rev. Mindi Welton-

Mitchell)

One: I lift my eyes up to the hills.

Many: From where will my help come?

One: My help comes from the LORD.

Many: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Institutions will fall, and people will fail us,

Many: Only God's love endures forever.

One: Turn your hearts to God.

Many: Our true hope, strength, and power.

• **Hymn VU 371** Open My Eyes, That I May See

Prayer of Confession (written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Many: Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray.

Time of silent reflection

**Words of Assurance** 

Toddling, testing, rebelling, know-it-all people of God, God loves you! Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus – nothing that we've done, nothing that has been done to us, nothing that happens around us.

God just loves you, and there is nothing you can do about it – except rejoice and respond in love. Amen.

**Anthem** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Time with God's Children

**Prayer of Illumination** 

Scripture 2 Tim 3:14-4:5 Dianne Nowoselski

Luke 18:1-8

• **Hymn VU 672** Take Time To Be Holy

**Sermon** Salmon-like Persistence Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Stewardship Moment** 

**Sung Dedication** 

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Community Prayer** (originally written by Rev. Abi Carlisle-Wilke, adapted by Joe Hopkins)

...we pray in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray by saying...

The Lord's Prayer

• Hymn VU 586

We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection

**Blessing & Benediction** 

• Musical Amen 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.

**Postlude** 

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Mary McDonald



This week, we warmly welcome Michelle Chung as guest musician.

# Meetings

# Today

**After worship – Church Potluck** luncheon in Heritage Hall hosted by Pastoral Care committee. Bring a food item to share, and your own plate and cutlery. Enjoy a time of fellowship.

## This Week

Wed. 7:00 – Senior Choir practice.

Tue. 1:30 – 3:30 pm – Sunshine Circle in Heritage Hall.

Wed. 9:30 am – Men's Group fellowship and coffee in Heritage Hall.

## Upcoming

Thu. Oct. 20 7:00 pm – Joy Givers in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thu. Oct. 20 8:00 pm - Boomer Band practice.

### **Announcements**

**Rev. Joe's Contact Information:** You can reach Rev. Joe a number of ways; Call the church and at the prompt, press 2. His church cell phone number is 647-200-7317 and email is

revjoehopkins@streetsvilleunited.ca or minister@streetsvilleunited.ca.

Harvest of Crafts Sale! 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

Macgregors Meat is coming back – see info in Fall Tidings!

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