

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – John Wilton
Narthex – Nanci Anderson *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock

Coffee Hour – Finance *Reader* – Ken Boulton

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Kate Sparrow

Narthex – Ev Courtney *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman

Coffee Hour – MN&P *Reader* – Dianne Nowoselski

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 info@streetsvilleunited.ca) or 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.
- When attending in person, dropping your offering in one of the two wooden boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday



*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 *Come Christian Join to Sing* Hal Leonard

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Announcements

Call to Worship (written by Bob Smith)

One: Beyond our busyness, Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us.

Many: a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world.

One: that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born.

Many: In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

- **Hymn VU 104**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Opening Prayer (from Sicamous United Church, Sicamous, BC)

Many: We feel your presence, Holy God, for your kingdom of love is close at hand. Somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind, somewhere someone shares with another in need, somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate, somewhere someone is patient and waits in love, somewhere someone returns good for evil, somewhere someone serves another in love, somewhere someone is calm in a storm, somewhere someone is loving everybody. May that someone be me! In joy and in trouble, help us, Holy God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name. Amen.

Choir Anthem *Be Still For the Presence of the Lord*

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Ken Boulton

Scripture *Matthew 17:1-9* Ken Boulton

• **Hymn VU 708** *My Lord, What a Morning*

Sermon *Thin Spaces* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Stewardship Moment

- **Sung Dedication**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Community Prayers (written by Paul Sauer)

Each phrase ends with the words, "Let us walk," and all worshipers should respond by saying, "In the light of the Lord."

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who also taught us to pray by saying...

The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 416** *Forth in Your Name, O Christ*

Sending (adapted from words written by Fern Gibbard)

One: We are people blessed by God, for those who have seen the transfigured Christ are blessed in order to be a blessing in this world.

Many: We are transformed people.

One: Journey in the light of the transfigured Christ as you leave this place, taking the blessing and love of Christ out into the world.

Benediction in Song: *Amen, Amen* arr. by Jester Hairston

Postlude *Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies* arr. Cindy Berry



Meetings

Today

2022 Annual Report available in the Narthex.

2022 Tax Receipts available in the Narthex - any not picked up today will be mailed.

Welcome Michelle – please join us at coffee hour to officially welcome Michelle Chung as Music Director at SUC!

This Week

Mon. Feb. 20 - Family Day

Tue. Feb. 21 1:00 pm – Sunshine Circle in the FL.

Tue. Feb. 21 5 – 7 pm - Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper! All are welcome for pancakes and fellowship. Sign up sheets in the narthex. All donations will go to the Pathways Breakfast Club. **Anointing with Ashes** - Brief service will lead worshipers into the season of Lent after eating their fill of pancakes.

Wed. Feb. 22 11:30 am – noon via Zoom - Midweek devotional time – see announcements for more information.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in the FL.

Upcoming

Feb. 25 - Coldest Night of the Year 2023 - Please visit <https://cnoy.org/home> to join the team, donate or learn more. Murray Lewis (416-278-4493) murravelewis@gmail.com.

Sun. Feb. 26 after worship – Annual Congregational Meeting

Mon. Feb. 27 7 – 8pm - Lenten study of *A Song of Faith* (United Church statement of faith) Mondays in Lent (Feb. 27 to April 3) in the Fellowship Lounge. See Announcements for more information.

Tue. Feb. 28 6:45 pm – Fresh Start Meeting in Heritage Hall. The next session of the United Fresh Start program is Module 5; Dialogue/Searching for Common Ground. We were extremely excited and encouraged by the attendance for our first session and look forward to a similar turnout in February. In order to help us with our planning, please sign up for this session using the Sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Tue. Mar. 7 – World Day of Prayer – details to come.

Announcements

Midweek devotional time – Weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30 am via Zoom, Rev. Joe will lead a group of online participants in centering prayer and *lectio divina*, a method of reading scripture dating back a thousand years. This devotional time is meant to provide a way for participants to re-centre in the middle of the week. **Please call or email the office for the Zoom link.**

Mondays in Lent (Feb. 27 to April 3) in the Fellowship Lounge. Rev. Joe will lead the group in studying the poetic words and theology of the United Church's most recent statement of faith (published in 2006). As our Lenten worship services are based on *A Song of Faith*, participants will gain greater understanding of the topics from Sunday morning worship.

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

Naloxone Kit – there is now a kit in the red First Aid box at the back of the sanctuary.

PART-TIME PATHWAY PANTRY COORDINATOR OPENING IN MISSISSAUGA

Pathway Community Programs is looking for a coordinator of our Food Pantry at the Arbour Mills location at Dundas St and Parkerhill Rd.



Duties include:

- Picking up the food order from the Mississauga Food Bank and delivering it to the Arbour Mills site
- Grocery shop for identified additional items and purchase grocery gift cards
- Distribute the food and gift cards to clients

Time estimate is approximately 4-5 hours every two weeks, including paperwork reporting. Remuneration is \$18/hour plus mileage. If interested in this coordinator position, please submit your resume to pathwaycp@gmail.com
