

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Kate Sparrow

Narthex – Ev Courtney *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman

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

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton

Narthex – Jean Stopa *Elevator* – Terry Stopa

Coffee Hour – Outreach *Reader* – Bill Powell *Communion* – Bill

& Katie Powell

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. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box.

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 26, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting



*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

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies arr. Lani Smith
Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Steward Landon

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Don't you know, O people, that God has loved you before your first breath?

Many: Our origin is in God's love, and we long to come home.

One: Don't you know, O people, that God provides you with every good and perfect gift?

Many: Our nourishment is in God's love, and we bring our thanks.

One: Don't you know, O people, that God continues to love you even when you have failed?

Many: Our redemption is in God's love, and we turn our hearts to the Lord.

One: Don't you know, O people, that God lays a path of holiness and justice before you?

Many: Our future is in God's love and walk with God in worship.

- **Hymn VU 716** *My Life Flows On*

Prayer of Confession (written by Bill Wessner)

Many: Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

(pause for reflection and self-examination)

One: God of our refuge and strength...

Many: have mercy on us, write on our hearts. Amen

One: God does show us God's own righteousness, and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin. Our sins are forgiven. Through his death and resurrection a place is made for us in the household, and we may be known as children of God. To the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Let the people of God respond, "Amen."

Choir Anthem

The Gospel of Grace arr. Mark Hayes

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Dianne Nowoselski

Scripture

Romans 3:21-26 Dianne Nowoselski

- **Hymn VU 612**

There is a Balm in Gilead

Sermon

We Sing of Grace Rev. Joe Hopkins

Affirmation of Faith

Many: God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship. So God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating. God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged. God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source. Grateful for God's loving action, We cannot keep from singing. With the Church through the ages, we speak of God as one and triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We also speak of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer God, Christ, and Spirit Mother, Friend, and Comforter Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, and in other ways that speak faithfully of the One on whom our hearts rely, the fully shared life at the heart of the universe. We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love....

Special Music

On Eagle's Wings
(Antoinette Clarke, Solo)

Stewardship Moment

• **Sung Dedication**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Community Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

• **Hymn VU 266** *Amazing Grace*

Sending Words:

One: God puts a song in our hearts, So let's go forth from this time and place Singing of God's amazing grace.

Many: We cannot keep from singing. Glory to God! Amen.

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

Postlude *Solemn March, Mozart* arr. John Troutman

Meetings

Today

After worship – Annual Congregational Meeting in Heritage Hall – Annual Reports in the narthex.

This Week

Mon. 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. Join 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).

Tue. 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.

Wed. Feb. 22 11:30 am – noon via Zoom - Midweek devotional time – Please call or email the office for the Zoom link.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Upcoming

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

Announcements

Garage Sale Update – See insert.

Christian Education invitation! Rev Joe along with M&P, are hosting an opportunity for anyone who might be interested in sharing ideas on how we might build a Christian Education program at Streetsville United, one which encompasses children, youth and adults, all ideas are welcome! The meeting will be held in the library on Sunday, March 5 after worship. Looking forward to your input!

Pancake Supper - Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to our recent Shrove Tuesday supper. We received \$485 in donations to the Pathways Breakfast For Schools programme. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Easter Tidings – Please email submissions to Kelly for Easter Tidings by Mon. Mar. 13.

Indwell Community - You're invited to a free screening of SAFE on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm at Cineplex Cinemas Mississauga (309 Rathburn Rd) SAFE is a documentary that features Indwell tenants and their stories with hope-filled solutions to homelessness. You'll be inspired! Reserve your seat at indwell.ca/events. Warning: some strong language and mature subject matter.

Eden Food for Change Donations - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex. Things they need: **laundry detergent (small bottles preferred), dish soap, shampoo, shower gel/body wash, crackers, cookies, canned good (flip top lids), tuna, applesauce cups, size 6 diapers, any food item that is already proportioned (snack packs).**

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Streetsville United Church's Garage Sale is Back!

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Where: Lower floor of the church, 274 Queen St. S.,
Mississauga**

What's for sale: household items, linens, sporting goods,
children's toys, jewelry, plants

Payment: cash is preferred

Masking: masks are optional

Barbecue food is for sale: muffins, hot dogs, drinks

We Need LOTS and LOTS of Help

How Can You Help:

- Your items for sale: household items, linens, sporting goods, children's toys, jewelry, plants. NO FURNITURE.
- Helpers: A list of the types of help required and information about how to sign up will be made available in a separate announcement.

We will be accepting items at the church starting in mid-March. A separate announcement will be made about the drop off details.

If you need additional information, you can contact one of the coordinators:

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