

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Jennifer Honsa
Narthex – Ruth Kochanuk *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock
Coffee Hour – Men's Group *Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Bev Mathew
Narthex – Karen Monk *Elevator* – Peter Mara
Coffee Hour – Worship *Reader* – Kate Sparrow

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.

March 12, 2023



*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*

Before the service

Boomer Band

Prelude

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Cindy Berry

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (written by Gil Le Fevre)

One: From the bustle of the world and the silence of our wilderness, we pause together for worship.

Many: At times, we can be a grumbling, quarrelling people, quick to focus on the lack and the gaps.

One: Yet in love, O God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.

Many: At times, we are an impatient, searching people, craving peace and purpose.

One: Yet with patience, O God, you offer us hope and sustain us.

Many: Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us in all its abundance.

One: In compassion, O God, you turn us toward you and nourish us.

Many: In this time of worship, let us open our hearts and be filled by your grace. Amen.

- **Hymn VU 238** *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

Opening Prayer (by Patricia Wells)

Many: Praise to You, God, Creator, Son, and Spirit, that You have given us the gift of this new day. Praise to You that You have blessed us with Your presence and this company of Your people, the church. Thanks to You that You sing with us in joy, mourn with us in our loss, console us in our sorrow, steady us in our fear, and cheer us on to holier living. We pray in the name of Jesus, who also taught us to pray by saying...

Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Draw the Circle Wide (see insert)
Every Move I Make

Boomer Band

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Cathy Hitchcock

Scripture

Luke 4:16-30

Cathy Hitchcock

- **Hymn VU 376**

Spirit of the Living God

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...

Sermon

We Sing of Scripture & Worship

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Anthem

I Worship You, Almighty God arr. Mary MacDonald

Stewardship Moment

- **Sung Dedication**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

Community Prayers

Each phrase ends with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy," and worshipers should respond, "Hear our prayer."

- **Hymn VU 343**

I Love to Tell the Story

Sending Words:

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

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

Benediction in Song: *How Can I Keep from Singing* (chorus only)

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.
Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Postlude

O Worship the King

Franklin Ritter

MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle.
God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Refrain

Meetings

This Week

Mon. 7 – 8pm - Lenten study of *A Song of Faith* (United Church statement of faith) in the Fellowship Lounge.

Tue. 7:00 pm – Church Council in the FL.

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

Thu. Mar 23 8:30 – Men's Group meeting in Heritage Hall.

Announcements

Good Friday Breakfast – Fri. Apr. 7 8:30 - 9:45 in the auditorium before worship; in continuing support of Pathways.

Easter Tidings – Email submissions for Easter Tidings by Mon. Mar. 13.



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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