

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Jennifer Honsa

Narthex – Murray Lewis *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock

Reader – Chris Monk *Coffee Hour* – M & P

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara

Narthex – Nadean Harley *Elevator* – Peter Mara

Reader – Bill Powell *BBQ* – Scouts and UCW

Tech – Ken Boulton and Megan Sweetman

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:

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)
- 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.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

April 30, 2023



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 *Jesus Shall Reign* Benton Price

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather today to lovingly connect with God:

Many: Creator and creatures, divine Lover and beloveds, metaphorical Mother Hen and scattered chicks.

One: Who is this God that would seek mutuality with mortals?

Many: This is God in Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

One: Then let's claim loving connection with God who makes all things known!

Many: We claim eternal life in God who makes all things new!

Alleluia!

- Hymn VU 166 *The Day of Resurrection*

Opening Prayer (from *Celebrate God's Presence*)

Many: God of power, God of people, You are the life of all that lives, energy that fills the earth, vitality that brings to birth, impetus in making whole whatever is bruised or broken. In You we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free. You are the song the whole earth sings, the promise liberation brings, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem *Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness*
J.S. Bach and Alan Bullard

Time with God's Children – Questions for Jesus

Prayer of Illumination Chris Monk

Scripture John 14:1-14 Chris Monk

- Hymn MV 115

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Be-hold, (be-hold,) be-hold, (be-hold,) I make all things new, be-gin-ning with you and starting from today.

Be-hold, (be-hold,) be-hold, (be-hold,) I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Sermon *Witnesses in Dialogue* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Stewardship Moment

- **Sung Dedication** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Community Prayer (by Gord Bunbar, based on Franciscan prayer)

Loving God, ... love deeply within our hearts.

(silent prayer)

... peace among all people.

(silent prayer)

... comfort and transformation.

(silent prayer)

... others claim cannot be done.

(silent prayer)

... Emmanuel, God with Us. Amen.

- Hymn VU 591 *Jesus, United by Your Grace*

Sending Words: (Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, ON)

One: We continue our journey, seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead, knowing that we are guided by God every step of the way.

Many: Let us continue to search for truth, understanding, and wisdom as we journey in faith, for we follow Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life for us. Amen.

Benediction in Song *Blessed Assurance (chorus)*

This is my story, this is my song; Praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song; praising my Saviour all the day long.

Postlude *Fanfare For A Festival* Muriel Dillon



Meetings

Today

After worship – UCW Exec meeting in the Fellowship Lounge.

This Week

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Upcoming

Tue. May 9 7:00 pm – Church Council in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thu. May 11 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in the FL.

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Tue. May 16 1:00 pm – Sunshine Circle in the FL.

Announcements

Volunteer Sunday May 7 - Next Sunday, we will celebrate the many volunteer workers of Streetsville United Church! We will recognize our elected leaders and share Holy Communion together. Then immediately following worship we will have a barbecue lunch which our affiliated Scouts groups will assist with.

Macgregor Meat Fundraiser returns - information was sent out last week. Orders are due on May 8 with pickup on May 16. Please share this with friends and family for quality meals this BBQ season!

***** Updated*** 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: ***Diapers (size 2, 4 & 6), cooking oil, baked beans, chunky soup, red lentils, all types of pasta, canned tomatoes, jam, canned vegetables, canned beans (eg, kidney beans, chickpeas), flour, crackers, cookies, canned fruit, Kraft dinner, ramen noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, oatmeal, juice and sugar.***

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