

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* - Bev Mathew  
Narthex – Murray Lewis    *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock  
*Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock    *Coffee Hour* – Outreach  
*Tech* – Wendy Dowling

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Nanci Anderson  
Narthex – Jean Stopa    *Elevator* – Terry Stopa  
*Reader* – Dianne Nowoselski    *Coffee Hour* – Finance  
*Tech* – Wally Bridel    *Communion* – Jean & Terry Stopa

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**Our Prayer Chain is available.** When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)) or the UCW (use [stvlucw@bell.net](mailto: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](mailto: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)

June 25, 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**                      *God Will Take Care of You*                      arr. Cindy Berry

### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship** (from Presbyterian Church USA)

One: Let us focus on God's presence.

**Many: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...**

One: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

**Many: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...**

One: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

**Many: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...**

One: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

**Many: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...**

**Many: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!**

- **Hymn VU 671**                      *I Need Thee Every Hour*

**Prayer of Confession** (by Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, AB)

**Many: Loving God, as people of faith, we confess that we have not always followed in Your path. We declare that we have hope and faith in You but, at times, our hearts are touched with despair. We are called to share Your gift of love but, at times, we have hoarded Your gifts for our own benefit. Loving God, we pray that as You journey with us, You will set us on Your path. Free us from the power of distractions, biases, and prejudices of this world that separate us from You. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Words of Assurance**

One: Members of the body of Christ, once more we have shared in the mystery of grace. We are reborn, freed from this world's limitations. Our hearts have been opened to God's presence, and we are reminded once again that we are God's beloved children.

**Many: Now we are called to share God's blessings with others. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Abide with Me*

Victor C. Johnson

**Time with God's Children**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture**

*Genesis 21:8-21*

Cathy Hitchcock

- **Hymn VU 852**

*Psalm 130 (Up From the Depths I Cry to God)*

**Sermon**

*Where Is God When...?*

Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Stewardship Moment**

- **Sung Dedication VU 238**

*How Great Thou Art* (v.1 & refrain)

### **Community Prayers**

Each phrase ends with "God of every time and everywhere," and worshipers should respond with, "**Heed Your people's cry.**"

### **The Lord's Prayer**

- **Hymn: VU 644 I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry**

**Sending Words:** (adapted from prayer by Carol O'Neil, Westminster UC, Whitby, ON)

One: Within us is the presence of the Gentle Spirit, strengthening, encouraging, reassuring. We know it inside our soul. Pay attention. Greet the Spirit each day with a sense of pure wonder and let it lead you, For the Enfolding God, the Trinity of Love, is our source, our goal, our life.

**Many: May we go forth, sharing the Spirit's breath, carrying it in our hearts. Amen.**

**Benediction in Song** *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**

*Where He Leads Me*

arr. Cindy Berry



## ***Meetings***

### ***Upcoming***

**Thu. Jul. 6 7:00 pm - PUBLIC Theology** at Cuchulainn's Irish Pub to gather with Christian friends, enjoy a fav beverage or pub grub, and talk about God! Folks have gathered in pubs, or "public houses," for centuries, if not millennia, to share fellowship and ideas with friends and neighbours. Why not talk about God at a pub, too? Rev. Joe will lead 5-10 people every other Thursday evening at 7 PM at Cuchulainn's Irish Pub at 158 Queen Street South. Thursday dates include Jul. 6, 20, Aug. 3, 17 & 31.

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### ***Announcements***

#### **Sat. Aug. 26 - SUC AT ROGERS CENTRE!**

Join SUC friends to watch a baseball game between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Cleveland Guardians. Planning is still in early stages, but please speak to John Sparrow or send an email to [johnbsparrow@outlook.com](mailto:johnbsparrow@outlook.com) if you're interested.

**\*\*\* 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, 5 & 6, canned fruit, jam, juice, tuna, salmon, canned meat, baked beans, Kraft dinner, ramen noodles, pasta, chunky soup, condensed soup, sugar, flour, tea, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, dried beans, broth, pancake mix, and syrup. We can always use the cloth bags that you get in the grocery stores if you have extra.***

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