

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – John Wilton
Narthex – Diane Wilton *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling
Reader – Wendy Dowling *Coffee Hour* – Outreach
Tech – Megan Sweetman

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Bev Mathew
Narthex – Murray Lewis *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling
Reader – Ev Courtney *Coffee Hour* – M & P
Tech – Wally Bridel

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)

July 23, 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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 *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What is Good', Used with permission)

One: As the sun rises in the morning,

Many: As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,

One: As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:

Many: God is present with us.

One: Let us worship god.

- **Hymn MV 18** *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary* (Sung 3 times)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Prayer of Confession (based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) (written by Moira Laidlaw -- [Liturgies Online](#))

One: Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,

Many: forgive us.

One: O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

Many: You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

One: You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

Many: So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

One: the lonely and the outcast,

Many: and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Time with God's Children

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of Illumination Wendy Dowling

Scripture *Romans 8:12-25* Wendy Dowling

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Sermon *A Messy Garden* Mary Parsons

- **Hymn VU 516** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

Our Response to God

Our Offerings

- **Sung Dedication VU 542**

We Give You But Your Own

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *God's Limitless Love* Eleanor Russell
(Carol Beattie, Heather Drew, Eva Cummins, John Collins, Joe Garcia)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn: VU 606** *In Christ There is No East or West*

Blessing

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Cindy Berry

We warmly welcome Mary Parsons as guest preacher.

Mary Parsons, LLWL -- Biography

Following retirement in 2020 from a long nursing career, Mary began studies through the United Church of Canada and is now a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. Mary grew up in a farming community in southwestern Ontario. Mary and her family have lived in Oakville since 1988 and are active members of Munn's United Church. She and her husband Doug have three adult sons and are proud first-time grandparents of William.

Mary describes her leadership style as deeply practical. She believes in the importance of honouring tradition, while bringing God's message of love and grace into our everyday lives. Worship is where we can be renewed and refreshed to face the challenges ahead and give thanks for the many gifts we have been given.

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Meetings

Upcoming

Boomer Band – is playing on Sunday July 30! We are always looking for new members, you don't need to read music or play an instrument, just sing with us. Please speak with Wayne Moss if you are interested or have questions.

PUBLIC Theology at Cuchulainn's Irish Pub to gather with Christian friends, enjoy a fav beverage or pub grub, and talk about God! Cuchulainn's Irish Pub at 158 Queen Street South. Thursday dates include **Aug. 3, 17 & 31.**

Announcements

Jim Courtney, a long-time member, will be celebrating his 80th birthday on August 11. To help him feel special, his family is suggesting that any of you who feel so inclined could mail him some birthday wishes. He misses all his former connections very much and is not able to celebrate in the usual way. The address is as follows:

Jim Courtney, Village of Erin Meadows LTC,
2930 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga, ON L5M 7M4

Used Stamps - Please consider donating your used stamps. There is a box on the bookshelf in the narthex, beside the box for donating used eyeglasses. The stamps are collected and sent to the Canadian Bible Society to use for their Canadian prison ministry. Ten pounds of stamps will provide 6 Key to Freedom Bibles. The following link will take you to information on this: www.biblesociety.ca/project/canada-correctional-institutions-bible-distribution/ Leave the stamps on the envelope and cut around each by ¼ inch. There is no time limit for this project. We have been doing it for years!

***** 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: **Canned vegetables - any type other than corn, chickpeas, white kidney beans, canned fruit, applesauce, salmon, baked beans, tuna, crackers, canned tomatoes, tea, fruit cups, peanut butter, pancake mix, jam, syrup, ramen noodles, pasta. Kraft dinner, salt, sugar, dried red lentils, and diapers - size 4, 5 or 6.**
