

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Charlie Walsh

Narthex – Murray Lewis *Elevator* – Charlie Walsh

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

Tech – Kate Sparrow *Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Murray Lewis

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Tony Tadros

Narthex – Karen Monk *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling

Reader – Cathy Hitchcock *Coffee Hour* – Men's Group

Tech – Wendy Dowling

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)

October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday



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>Prelude on "Azmon"</i>	Robert Lau
	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	Mark Thewes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship & Land Acknowledgement (adapted from words by Tori Mullins, Hampton U.C., Hampton, N.B.)

One: We give thanks for the land, for the lakes and rivers, for the hills and the mountains, for the sand, soil, and rock we will upon.

Many: We give thanks for "all our relations," for the fish, birds, and mammals, for the reptiles who crawl on the ground and insects who buzz in the air.

One: We give thanks for those who have been stewards of this land for thousands upon thousands of years, for the Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, the Ojibwe-Chippewa, and the Mississauga of the Credit.

Many: We give thanks for being able to call this place home. We acknowledge the responsibility that comes with that.

One: And in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day of national shame and necessary remembering, we acknowledge all that has caused so much pain because of the intentional harm done by the United Church of Canada through the residential schools it ran.

Many: It is with these mixed up and difficult emotions that we come to worship. We come to light Christ light. We come to spend our time with our Maker. Amen.

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

Prayer of Confession (written by HyeRan Kim-Cragg)

One: God of all people, you have called us to be followers of Jesus, who sit at the table with outcasts and sinners. Yet, we confess that we have not listened to that call.

Many: We recognize our sins that may lead to economic injustice and domination. Too often we ignore those who live below the poverty

line, who work without basic rights and protections, who are considered as "outcasts." Forgive us, we pray.

(a moment for private confession)

One: O Lover of Justice, help us to understand how Empire hurts us all. Strengthen us to witness to the resilience and resistance of your faithful as they work for justice with you.

Words of Assurance

One: God, for whom and through whom all things exist, brings many children to glory (Hebrews 2:10). Be assured then that God forgives you and brings you new life.

Many: We take hold of this forgiveness that we may live our lives in the Spirit of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Anthem	<i>Christians Come, Gather at the Table</i>	Don Besig
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Time with God's Children – The Story of the Orange Shirt

Prayer of Illumination	Dianne Nowoselski
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Scripture	<i>1 Corinthians 10:14-22</i>	Dianne Nowosleski
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Sermon:	<i>Idols, Truth, and Reconciliation</i>	Rev. Joe Hopkins
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- **Hymn VU 467** *One Bread, One Body*

Holy Communion (prayers written by Alydia Smith)

One: God be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God!

Many: It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

One: Though creation sometimes weeps,

Many: we wait lovingly for you, God.

One: For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them...

You could sustain all of your creation,

Many: but you will not, without us.

One: Thank-you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us...You could have made us self-sustaining,

Many: but you did not, your love sustains us.

One: Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples,

who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation.

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!

One: In Jesus, love incarnate...you provide for us the sustenance we need to respond to the cries of creation. The bread of life,

Many: nourishes our deprived bodied.

One: The cup of blessings,

Many: revives our thirsty souls.

One: The gathered community

Many: strengthens our growing faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

One: Though the church sometimes weeps,

Many: we wait lovingly for you, God.

One: For centuries, Christians of different customs have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast.

Many: In their partaking you have been with them, just as you are with us now.

One: And so we join with our siblings around the world...and we ask that you bless and pour your spirit on these simple things, bread and wine:

Many: Make this broken bread whole in our taking. Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.

One: With these elements nourish and sustain us, our way, our truth, our life; our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer. Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Sharing Communion Elements

Trays of bread and juice are passed through the pews. Please wait to eat or drink until all have received their communion elements; then Rev. Joe will lead all worshipers in eating and drinking together.

Stewardship Moment & Prayer after Communion

Many: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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• Hymn MV 169 *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides* see insert

Sending Words:

One: The worship time is concluded and we go now to resume our daily activities.

Many: We have feasted and our spirits are well nourished.

One: Let us take up the challenge of radical loving, courageous justice, and compassionate nurturing.

Many: May the grace of god sustain us; may the example of Jesus guide us; may the daring of the Holy Spirit encourage us, today, tomorrow, and in all the days ahead. Amen.

Benediction in Song:

VU 646

We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos

Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos (2x)

We are marching, we are marching, oh!

We are marching in the light of God! (2x)

Postlude

Postlude on "Azmon"

Robert Lau



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169 MV When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

(using the tune Forest Green)

1. When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.
2. When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.
3. When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole world round for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

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Meetings

This Week

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Upcoming

Mon. Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving

Tue. Oct. 10 7:00 pm – Church Council meeting in the FL.

Thu. Oct. 12 1 pm – Friendship Circle meeting in the FL.

Thu. Oct. 12 7:00 – 9 pm (first of 3) - “Intercultural and Christian: an October Class” - Rev. Joe will lead a three-session class about intercultural church that will correspond with the October worship series. We will explore the intercultural church statement of the UCC, thoughts from leading theologians, and discuss the opportunities and challenges of adapting to an intercultural reality. **Please sign up in the narthex or contact with Rev. Joe.**

Thu. Oct. 12 7 pm – Joy Givers meeting in the choir room.

Fri. Oct. 13 10:00 am – UCW Exec meeting in the Fellowship Lounge.

Sun. Oct. 15 after worship – Potluck Lunch - Bring a food item from your cultural heritage or your favourite to share and celebrate! Remember plate and cutlery...see you there!

Announcements

Seeking a Volunteer/ Web Site Care - We require a volunteer to liaison with Kelly and to work, when necessary, with our web care company for the monthly findings in the following care items:

Tracking the site's health, Rankings, Visitors, Monthly tips, FAQ or offer to consider, Vulnerabilities for Access, Following secure information, Alerts about any Unusual Transactions, Any other security issues.

Should any re-design of the site be necessary in the future, it will be handled through this position with Kelly's assistance and the Web Care Company. Interested parties should contact Gail Boulton or Charlie Walsh.

It's October- Time for Harvest of Crafts - Sat Oct 28 Please save the date and bring along family and friends to enjoy the wonderful variety of baking and preserves, crafts, and various products of the vendors. Items to be donated to the Craft room go to Kerry Poulsen (905-826-1933) or Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761). Preserves go to Sandy Hayashi for labelling (905-569-9966) and baking comes to the church Friday Oct 27 before 2pm or Sat 28th before 9am. The Men's Group will be serving coffee and muffins for your enjoyment. Lawn signs will be available after Sunday Oct 15 - help us spread the word!

***** 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:** Salt, canned fruit, jam, chunky soup, Kraft dinner, crackers, cookies, cereal, kids pasta, cooking oil, sanitary napkins, and pasta sauce.