

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* - Jennifer Honsa

Narthex – Ev Courtney   *Elevator* – Charlie Walsh

*Reader* – Dianne Nowoselski   *Coffee Hour* – Pastoral Care

*Tech* – Wendy Dowling

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – John Wilton

Narthex – Ruth Kochanuk   *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock

*Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock   *Coffee Hour* – Property

*Tech* – Wally Bridel   *Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell

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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)

September 3, 2023  
Labour Day



*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**      *10,000 reasons/Be Thou My Vision*  
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

One: We who work, day after day,

**Many: we come together seeking the rest of God.**

One: We who struggle to find meaningful work,

**Many: we come together seeking God's divine purposes.**

One: We who feel caught between feuding sides,

**Many: we come together seeking common yet holy ground of God.**

- Hymn VU 595     *We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

### Opening Prayer (by Edie Rasell, United Church of Christ)

**Many: We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others – in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places – are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.**

### Time of silent reflection

## Words of Assurance

## Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination Dianne Nowoselski

**Scripture - Exodus 5 (a paraphrase)** Dianne Nowoselski

- **Hymn** *Go Down, Moses*  
(The United Methodist Hymnal; see insert)

**Sermon:** *Which Side Are You On?* Rev. Joe Hopkins

## Stewardship Moment

- **Sung Dedication VU 218** *We Praise You, O God* (verse 1 only)

**Labour Day Prayer of Intercession** (adapted from prayer by Tom Cheatham)

## The Lord's Prayer

- Hymn VU 702 *When A Poor One*

### **Sending Words** (based on Philippians 2:1-8)

One: May the grace of Christ comfort you; may God's love console you; may you partner with the Holy Spirit, and enjoy tender affection and sympathy for one another.

**Many: We look not only to our own interests but even more to the interests of others. May we share the mindset of Christ—our humble Lord and servant of all.**

### Benediction in Song:

**VU 595** *The Servant Song* (verse 1 only)

**Postlude**      *The Church's One Foundation*      arr. Mark Hayes

This week, we warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician.

God  
is on your  
side

## Go Down, Moses

(from The United Methodist Hymnal)

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.

### Refrain:

Go down, Moses,  
way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh  
to let my people go!

2. "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,  
let my people go;  
"if not, I'll smite your firstborn dead,"  
let my people go. (Refrain)
3. No more shall they in bondage toil,  
let my people go;  
let them come out with Egypt's spoil,  
let my people go. (Refrain)
4. We need not always weep and mourn,  
let my people go;  
and wear those slavery chains forlorn,  
let my people go. (Refrain)

## Meetings

### *This Week*

**Wed. 7:00 pm** – Choir practice led by Kim Perrin.

### *Upcoming*

**Sun. Sep. 10** – after worship – UCW Exec meeting in the FL.

**Tue. Sep. 12 7:00 pm** – Church Council in the FL.

**Thu. Sep. 14 1:00 pm** – Friendship Circle in the FL.

**Thu. Sep. 14 7:00 pm** – Joy Givers in the FL.

**Tue. Sep. 19 1:00 pm** – Sunshine Circle in the FL.

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## Announcements

**Thank You - The family of Jim Courtney** wishes to thank all of you who sent cards/messages to Jim on the occasion of his 80th birthday on August 11. He was so amazed and pleased to be remembered in such a manner. We displayed all the cards, etc. in his room. It certainly brightened his days.

**WL St. Joseph's Parish Council 2023 Fall Dinner & Dance Fundraiser** scheduled Nov 10, 2023. Check out the flyer at the welcome table for more information. Scan the QR Code or Click the following link <https://forms.gle/A8dCHiMA24MajraE8> to book your ticket. We have promos for Table bookings too - look for options while booking online.

**\*\*\* 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: Sugar, salt, flour, canned beans, chickpeas, diapers - size 4, 5 & 6, condensed soup, crackers, cookies, large peanut butter, ramen noodles, jam, canned fruit, baked beans, and cooking oil.

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