

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Bev Mathew *Narthex* – Ruth Kochanuk
Elevator – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Joan Dooley *Coffee Hour* – Property
Tech – Wendy Dowling

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara *Narthex* – Murray Lewis
Elevator – Peter Mara *Reader* – Dianne Nowoselski *Coffee Hour* – Finance
Tech – John Sparrow

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.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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Signs of Renewal



*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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. Martha Mier
This is My Father's World arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (by Rosemary Godin, First U.C., Trenton, N.S.)

One: Come celebrate the good news!

Many: Jesus lives!

One: God rises with every sunrise in the heavens.

Many: And God rises with every moon.

One: The light of Christ shines through all the universe,

Many: on every day and through every night.

One: Let us praise this glorious gift we have been given.

Many: Let us worship our God.

- **Hymn VU 217** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Opening Prayer (by Mark Dutkoski, St. Andrew's U.C., DeWinton, AB)

Many: Dear Creator God, we are filled with trust in Your guidance.

Nothing is possible without You. Our life journeys continue with You at our sides. Fears are scarce and worries few when we trust Your presence. Guide us to a place of comfort when we feel forsaken and alone. Inspire us with hope when we start believing that the world is becoming a bad place. Let our confidence in Your love overcome our fears. Your grace surrounds all people. Your love benefits everyone. Your mercy is infinite. Your compassion is unquestioning. Help us to reflect this understanding to each other when doubt fills us. We pray in the name of Christ, who also taught us to pray by saying...

Lord's Prayer

Time with God's Children

Stewardship Moment

Musical offertory by children (see words opposite)
If I Come To Jesus William Howard Doane

Dedication in Song:

- **VU 958** *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:14-19 Joan Dooley
Mark 13:1-8, 24-27

Message *And the Sun Will Be Darkened* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Choir Anthem *God that Madest Earth and Heaven*
arr. by David Thorne

Community Prayers

Each phrase will end with the words, "Lord of heaven and earth," and worshipers should respond, "**Hear our prayer**"

Concluding Song:

- **VU 296** *This Is God's Wondrous World*

Sending Words:

One: May the power of the risen Christ renew your minds, hearts, and bodies to be living examples of God's transformative love.

Many: We go forth as new creations in Jesus' name! Alleluia!

Benediction in Song:

- **Hymn VU 703** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*
(v. 1 only)

Postlude *The Strife is O'ER, The Battle Done*

If I Come to Jesus

1. If I come to Jesus, He will make Me Glad.
He will give me comfort, when my heart is Sad.
If I come to Jesus, Happy I shall be.
He is Gently calling, little ones like Me.
2. If I come to Jesus, He will hear my prayer
He will love me dearly, He My sins did bear.
If I come to Jesus, Happy I shall be
He is gently calling, little ones like me.



Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

Meetings

Today

After worship – UCW Exec meeting in the Fellowship Lounge.

This Week

Wed. 12:30 Noon Hour Recital Series – 12:30 to 1 pm. We are pleased to announce that our **Director of Music, Michelle Chung**, has been invited and rescheduled (cancelled due to covid last fall) to play again at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. She will perform in the Noon Hour Recital Series on Wednesday, April 10th. This concert series has been a long tradition at YPB and has attracted the finest organists locally and beyond. Everyone is welcome. Church parking is available, and admission is free.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in the Fellowship Lounge.

Upcoming

Tue. Apr. 16 - You are invited! The UCW is hosting their annual Spring Potluck Dinner on Tuesday April 16 at 6 pm in Heritage Hall. The guest speaker is John Dunlop, Director of Heritage and Indigenous Relations for the City of Mississauga. He will be speaking on the Streetsville Heritage Conservation District Feasibility Study Plan and its' impact on local businesses and residences. As many in our congregation may be interested in this topic, all are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share, perhaps a family recipe in keeping with this heritage theme, but all contributions to the dinner will be appreciated and enjoyed! Please sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

Sat. Apr. 20 9:15 am – Fresh Start meeting in the FL. Finances - What you need to know: Responsible for the "big picture" and leading in the planning of the church's vision, mission and core values, ministry personnel and lay leaders can look at how monies are spent as an indicator of the extent to which the community of faith lives into their vision, mission, and values. Facilitating faithful stewardship of the community of faith's gifts - time, talent, and treasure - is a vital part of leadership.

Announcements

Good Friday Breakfast - Thanks to everyone involved in the very successful breakfast on Good Friday. The men's group served and provided everything, and our congregation responded by attending and donating in large numbers (over 90). Because of your generosity a total of \$653 was contributed in support of Pathways Community Services for breakfast in local schools.

Gift Cards Donations – Considering the current economic conditions and food insecurity in our community, Rev. Joe has had increased requests for good gift cards. Any donations of PC or Walmart cards would be appreciated! (give directly to Rev. Joe)

Library News! Coming soon - a coffee hour book cart - popular theology, children's books, bible study, worship resources - Watch for more news about the resources available in our church library!

Scouts Project - Two Scouts from 1st Streetsville are planning a fundraiser and collection of items for Our Place Peel Youth Shelter. Please consider donating to this cause, by placing clothing, hygiene items and gift certificates into the bin found in the foyer. For more information see the flyer by the collection bin.

***** 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 4, 5, & 6, salmon, canned fruit, juice, canned pasta, cookies, baking items, dish soap, baked beans, and cooking oil.

Rev. Joe will be away from April 9 to 14 inclusive.

If you have a spiritual emergency and would like to talk with a pastor, you may contact **Rev. Irene Ty**. You can email her at irenety888@gmail.com and/or call her at **647-997-1378**.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 27, 2024

9:30 – 2:00

DONATIONS - can be placed on the stage in the auditorium. During the period April 22 – April 25 donations will be accepted daily from 9:30 – 4:00 and 6:30 – 8:00. If you wish to drop off before then, please call Kelly in the office to arrange a time. We are accepting small household items, electronics, small kitchen appliances, linens, sports equipment, books, jewelry, puzzles, games, children's toys, children's clothing, tools, etc. Jewelry donations can be given directly to Lorraine Treanor or Deanna Hodges.

Please note that we do not accept adult clothing or large furniture.

VOLUNTEERS - Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex today. We are looking for lots of volunteers to help with the garage sale (set-up, cashiers, general help, clean up, etc.) during the week of April 22 – April 26 and on April 27, the date of the sale.

YARD SIGNS - are available today so please take one and advertise our garage sale on your front lawn!

MEN'S GROUP - will be selling muffins and coffee and barbeque lunch at the garage sale. Please come out and support their efforts!

Please contact Lorraine Treanor (ltreanor12@hotmail.ca) or Deanna Hodges (deannahodges@rogers.com) with any questions.

Time & Talent Fair, Sunday April 21

Church Council invites you to share your time and talent!

Several creative opportunities and jobs with short time commitments have been identified through the committees of Streetsville United. Opportunities come in many forms with varying timelines for implementation.

Some ideas you might like to consider in advance of April 21 include:

- Blessing of the Bicycles on Saturday, May 11
- BIA Christmas in the Square
- Indwell, work party to assemble furniture
- Garden tidy up
- CE wing – tidy up of classrooms, updates to the library, and Sunday School support opportunities
- Seasonal social media content creator
- Pathway Breakfast Club & Food Pantry
- Shared community supper with Eden United
- Support to Eden United's electronics recycling event
- Chase the Chill, scarf project mid-January 2025

Plan to attend coffee hour on Sunday, April 21! Ask questions and/or bring your own ideas for projects!