

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Nanci Anderson *Narthex* – Tony Tadros
Elevator – Kent Sweetman *Reader* – Bill Powell *Coffee Hour* – M&P and CE
Tech – John Sparrow *Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Tony Tadros

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara *Narthex* – Ev Courtney
Elevator – Peter Mara *Reader* – Leslie Guimond *Coffee Hour* – Pastoral Care
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.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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May 5, 2024 Signs of Renewal Communion



*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 *Love's Tribute* James Southbridge
 Prayer for Peace Charles Demorest

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (adapted from words by Gill Le Fever, Walton Memorial UC, Oakville, ON)

One: In our Easter joy,

Many: we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.

One: In our Easter grace,

Many: we find a God of renewal and transformation.

One: In our Easter faith,

Many: we find a God to carry us from shadows and despair.

One: In our Easter peace,

Many: we find a God to nurture us in our hope and love.

One: In our Easter lives,

Many: let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.

• **Hymn VU 266** *Amazing Grace*

Opening Prayer

Many: Having experienced the strains of Your voice, we come to worship You, Good Shepherd. Where You lead us, may we follow and know who You are and who You would have us become. Be with us as we worship this day that it may a time that moves us a little further on our journey with You. And we pray as You taught Your followers, saying...

Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem *I Give You a New Commandment* Peter Aston

Time with God's Children: Loving Lost People

Scripture *John 15:9-17* Bill Powell

Message *Renewing the New Commandment* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Song of Preparation

• **Hymn VU 239** *O Great Spirit*

Holy Communion (prayers adapted from those by Alydia Smith, United Church of Canada national office)

One: God is with us!

Many: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy are you. Holy, holy, blessed are you.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ...We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come to us again

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit...all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Worshippers should wait until all have received their elements, and then all eat and drink together using the following responsive words.

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

Many: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Many: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Stewardship Moment

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Martha Mier

• **Dedication in Song VU 958**

Halle, Halle, Halle

Prayer of Dedication and for Others

Concluding Song

- Hymn VU 472 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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)

Postlude

Fanfare Postlude

Gilbert M. Martin

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

A free BBQ lunch today after worship. Thank you to all who have worked hard all year long.

Many hands make light work!



Meetings

Today

Volunteer Appreciation lunch!

After worship – UCW Exec meeting in the FL.

This Week

Tue. May 7 7:30 – Boomer Band practice.

Thu. May 9 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in the FL.

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Sat. May 11 9:00 am – 1:00 pm - Blessing of Bikes and Kiosks for Bike and People Wellness - Our church is having a Blessing of Bikes (and trikes, scooters, roller blades, strollers, wheelchairs, walkers, segways) at the front of the church and wellness kiosks for minor bike tune-ups, bee-keeping display, rhythmic drumming, ... in the church parking lot. All are welcome.

Announcements

***** Due tomorrow (May 6)! *** MacGregors Meat Order** – Delivery Tue. May 14 at 6:15 pm. Questions? Contact John Wilton 905-826-2672 or email john.wilton2@sympatico.ca

COFFEE HOUR BOOK CART - Do you wonder sometimes about our Christian faith in the world? About how to manage daily life along with serving and worshipping? Are you in line to lead a worship session? Are your children asking questions about religion? A cart with some interesting reading material for both adults and children will be available during coffee hour starting this Sunday. There is no official sign-out - just an honour system!

Summer Tidings Newsletter - Anyone can submit a news item, subject to minor editing as needed. Please share! Deadline is Monday June 3rd Tidings will be distributed June 14th.

**** Date change ** Fri. May 17 Auditorium Floor Waxing** – the auditorium floor will be stripped and waxed throughout the weekend of May 17. Please note there will be limited/no access to the auditorium while it is being done.

Scouts Project - Two Scouts from 1st Streetsville have a fundraiser with 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. Collections until May 9.

***** 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 3, 4, 5, & 6, baby wipes, canned fruit, juice, canned pasta, dish soap, baked beans, cookies, crackers, tomato sauce, pasta, canned tomatoes, coffee, tea, sugar, flour, salt and peanut butter.