#### Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: Sanctuary Lead – Anna Loughlin Narthex – Jennifer HonsaElevator – Kent SweetmanTech – John SparrowReader – Kate SparrowCoffee Hour – Outreach

Assisting Next Week: Sanctuary Lead – Laura Mara Narthex – Wendy Johnson Elevator – Peter Mara Tech – John Sparrow Reader – Bill Powell Coffee Hour – Pastoral Care Communion – Bill & Katie Powell, Wendy Johnson

**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 <u>info@streetsvilleunited.ca</u>) or the UCW (use <u>stvlucw@bell.net</u>)
- 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 <u>bev.mathew@rogers.com</u> or 905-826-5005.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

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Anchored in God's Word... Moving into God's Future

Centred on Christ, serving God and our neighbours.

To be a vibrant multigenerational congregation within our diverse community sharing God's truth and unconditional love.

# Order of Worship

## **God Invites Us to Gather**

• indicates standing for all who are able

Prelude	Choral Orné	Jeanne Demessieux
	Improvisation On a Galician Caro	l Craig A. Penfield

#### Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

## **Call to Worship**

One: Let us come to this service with joy!

# Many: We rejoice in this time of prayer and praise, silence, listening, and determination.

One: We rejoice that we can hear, learn and share with our faith community friends.

Many: We rejoice that we are strengthened to change our ways and serve together.

One: Come to this service with joy! and reflect on the life-giving Word. Many: We come singing to God and give thanks to our Creator.

• Hymn VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light

# **Prayer of Confession**

One: We are ready to move from "the way it's always been done". Many: We will find a way to give or to receive according to our situation.

One: What about those of you who have enough to eat, and a comfortable home?

Many: We who have plenty, will share with those who believe that nothing will change.

One: The ones who are privileged will be fair; we will justly act with compassion.

## Many: Some major changes will be needed.

(time of silent reflection)

# Words of Assurance

One: Consider the way of radical change and be ready to walk a new way.

Many: We are followers of Jesus and we will humbly follow Jesus' selfless, sharing way, and we will care as he cared.

Time with God's Children • Hymn VU 34 Come Now, O God of Peace **Prayer of Illumination** Kate Sparrow Scripture *Psalm 23:1-6, Luke 5:3-11* Kate Sparrow To the Deeper Level of the Spiritual World Sermon Rev. Lark Kim • Hymn VU 401 Worship the Lord **Stewardship Moment** Offertory Variations on the Huron Carol Giles Bryant **Dedication in Song:** MV 183 I'm Gonna Shout, Shout I'm gonna shout, shout, shout my love for Jesus, for Jesus! I'm gonna shout, shout, shout my love for God's most holy child! For whatever I might do today, At home, at school, at work, at play, I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me! (2x) **Prayer of Dedication & for the Saints** One: we give joyfully, generously. Many: for our faith community of United Church continues to care for those who are suffering and sadness near and far, and we want it to end. One: We give joyfully, generously. Many: for our faith community continues to care for the lonely and isolated ones near and far. One: Because we are certain that our gifts will be justly and compassionately used. Many: We give joyfully and generously. Amen. Lord's Prayer We Are Pilgrims • Hymn VU 595 **Pastoral Prayer** Commissioning One: What will you do as you leave this church?

Many: We will offer our thanks joyfully, and our hopes and dreams confidently. We will pray for courage and we will work selflessly.

One: We will support our neighbour appropriately, and the stranger in need, generously.

One: As you leave this church, the loving God goes with you. Many: We go forward in peace and joy, and hope.

• Leave in Peace VU 431

Sing Amen (Asithi:Amen)

Postlude	Noel Nouveau	Craig A. Penfield

Warmly welcoming Rev. Lark Kim as guest Minister. He retired from ministry last August 1<sup>st</sup> from Trillium United Church in St. Catherines.

Also, welcoming Roy Kho as guest musician this morning.

# Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

## Announcements

January-February Worship Series & Class - during the months of January and February our worship services will focus on "Good News for Diverse Communities," which comes from a phrase in our congregational vision statement. To supplement the worship content, Rev. Joe will also lead a discussion group about the podcast series, "Open Out," which is about intercultural ministry in 21<sup>st</sup> century Canada. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby/narthex or get into contact with Rev. Joe for more information.

**New members' class** - Rev. Joe plans to lead a class for anyone interested in becoming a full member of Streetsville United Church. The class will be a 2-hour session that will be scheduled at a date and time that suits all interested people. Please get into contact with Rev. Joe for more details.

**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:** Juice, cereal, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, any kind of soup, canned pasta, jam, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, dish soap and cooking oil.