

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara *Upper Lobby* – Wendy Johnson *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Tech* – Ken Boulton *Reader* – Bill Powell  
*Coffee Hour* – Ministry & Personnel and Christian Education  
*Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Wendy Johnson

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Jennifer Honsa *Upper Lobby* – Murray Lewis *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman *Tech* – Kate Sparrow *Reader* – Chris Monk *Coffee Hour* – Outreach

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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.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

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# February 2, 2025 Black History Month Series: Good News for Diverse Communities



*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** *Andante Sostenuto* Felix Mendelssohn  
*Break Thou the Bread of Life* arr. Lloyd Larson

### **Welcome and Black History Moment**

### **Announcements and Centering Ritual**

#### **Call to Worship\***

One: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,

**Many: We wish to see Jesus.**

One: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

**Many: We wish to see Jesus.**

One: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,

**Many: We wish to see Jesus.**

- **Hymn VU 665** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

#### **Opening Prayer\*\***

**Many: Here we gather in Your presence, O God, assured of Your saving grace and blessing. We have come seeking knowledge and insight into our world, which is broken and hurting. We come with confidence that You will always be with us. Bless us with Your strength and wisdom as we worship today. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** *Gospel of Grace* arr. Mark Hayes

### **Time with God's Children**

**Prayer of Illumination** Bill Powell

**Scripture** *Luke 19:1-10* Bill Powell

**Sermon** *Breaking Down the Barriers to Grace* Rev. Joe Hopkins

- **Hymn VU 480** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

#### **Holy Communion\*\*\***

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: ...to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

One: 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: ...now and forever.

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

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**

#### **Sung Dedication VU 541**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Offertory** *Prelude on "Zacchaeus"* Charma Davies Lepke

### **Prayer of Dedication & for Others**

- **Hymn** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* see insert v. 1,3,5

### **Sending Words**

One: God calls us to be a vibrant, multi-general congregation within our diverse community

**Many: sharing God's truth and unconditional love. Glory to God!**

**Amen.**

- **Benediction in Song MV 145**

*Draw the Circle Wide* (chorus only) see insert

**Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* arr. Hal Leonard

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\*Call to Worship written from Order for Ecumenical Worship: World Aids Day 2002. Posted on [http://data.unaids.org/Pub/externaldocument/2002/20021029\\_wad\\_worship\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/Pub/externaldocument/2002/20021029_wad_worship_en.pdf).

\*\*Opening Prayer written by Emily Perry, Kincardine U.C., Kincardine, Ont., 2024. From GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.

\*\*\*Holy Communion prayers written by Alydia Smith, "A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God," United Church of Canada. Used with permission.

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

## Meetings

### *This Week*

**Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir** practice.

**Thu. 7:30 pm – Boomer Band** practice.

### *Upcoming*

**Sun. Feb. 9 – after worship - Potluck Luncheon** - Join us for lunch in Heritage Hall after worship. Bring a food item to share, plate and cutlery, and your appetite!

**Tue. Feb. 11 7:00 pm – Church Council** in the Fellowship Lounge.

**Thu. Feb. 13 1:00 pm - Friendship Circle** in the FL.

**Thu. Feb. 13 7:00 pm – Worship Series Class** in the choir room.

**Thu. Feb. 13 7:00 pm – Joy Givers** in the FL.

**Mon. Feb 17 – Family Day!**

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### **FINANCE UPDATES: BENEVOLENT FUND:**

This fund is one made available to the minister for his discretionary use in helping members of the congregation or those in need from our community. This help is often in the form of grocery gift cards or occasionally gas cards. Due to the significant increase in requests for support in these economic times, we are requesting the assistance of our congregation to help support this fund. Previously, loose change once a month, usually on Communion Sunday, was used for this purpose. Beginning February 2, we are going to suggest that if you are able, you add an extra Loonie or Toonie to the offering plate, to support this important outreach. Donations could also be made by cheque or e-transfer to [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca) marked Benevolent Fund. These will be tax receiptable.

**PAY IT FORWARD:** Over the next few weeks, you will receive a \$200 cheque, or more, from the Ontario government. The suggestion has been made, even by Doug Ford, that you might consider donating this to charity. We would love to be that charity! If you are able and would like to make a special donation to SUC, donations made by Mar. 31, will have 25% go to the Benevolent fund. The other 75% will be used for our operational expenses to help reduce the projected deficit for 2025. Please mark your donation “PAY IT FORWARD”.

**Thank you for supporting these projects and helping those in need.**

## Church Council Invitation

### Learn more about the role of committees at SUC!

Ministry & Personnel welcomes inquiries from anyone looking for information on the roles and responsibilities of committees at Streetsville United. Many opportunities exist for creative input and support of committees and the leadership team.

Church Council is inviting you to consider the opportunity before us, to be a part of making our Community of Faith a more vibrant and diverse congregation.

If being a part of positive change interests and excites you, M&P invites you to reach out to:

Teresa Judd  
(289) 997-9194  
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### Draw the Circle Wide

(Traçons un grand cercle)

Unison  
♩ = 132

Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still.

Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side,

*To verses* draw the cir-cle wide. *Last time*

The musical score is written for unison in 4/4 time with a tempo of 132. It features a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are: 'Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle wide.' The score includes a 'To verses' section and a 'Last time' section.

# 363 And Can It Be that I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an  
 2. 'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - terest in the Sav - ior's blood! Died he for  
 can ex - plore his strange de - sign? In vain the  
 free, so in - fi - nite his grace!), emp - tied him -  
 bound in sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif -  
 sus, and all in him, is mine; a - live in

me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to  
 first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of  
 self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's  
 fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dun - geon  
 him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous -

death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -  
 help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and  
 flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was  
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 more. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore;  
 me! 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free,  
 thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
 own. Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne,

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- 2. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore;
- 3. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free,
- 4. My chains fell off, my heart was free,
- 5. Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne,

that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 let an - gel minds in - quire no more.  
 for O my God, it found out me!  
 I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.  
 and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

that thou, my God,  
 let an - gel minds  
 for O my God,  
 I rose, went forth,  
 and claim the crown,

## ***Announcements***

**Exploring Prayer and Anti-Racism Practices: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 18, 25 at Westminster United Church.** Each session will explore different ways of praying, watch a video on anti-racism and discuss written reflections of the United Church's 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. Facilitated by Adele Halliday, lead staff on Anti-Racism of the United Church of Canada. Please let us know if you are attending: [westminsteruc@bellnet.ca](mailto:westminsteruc@bellnet.ca)

**Coldest Night of the Year 2024** - Streetsville United Church is once again entering a team in the Coldest Night of the Year event which takes place Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please visit <https://cnoy.org/home> to join the team, donate or learn more. Please contact Murray Lewis (416-278-4493) [murrayelewis@gmail.com](mailto:murrayelewis@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Pancake Supper - Save the date: Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** Come to our pancake supper and enjoy a delicious meal courtesy of the men's group and youth volunteers. Your goodwill donation is appreciated by the local Pathways Breakfast Programme for children. Please **sign up** on sheets in the narthex.

**January - February Worship Series & Class – Feb. 13, Feb. 27 7:00 pm in the choir room** - Rev. Joe is leading 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.

**Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex.

**\*\*\* UPDATED \*\*\* Things they need:** Juice, cereal, any soup but vegetable, canned pasta, jam, salmon, canned or dried kidney beans, canned chickpeas, canned or dried lentils and dish soap.