

## Welcome Team

**This Week:** Sanctuary Lead – Murray Lewis Upper Lobby – Nanci Anderson  
Elevator – Charlie Walsh Tech – Dave Moase Reader – Dianne Nowoselski  
Coffee Hour – Finance

**Assisting Next Week:** Sanctuary Lead – Bev Mathew Upper Lobby – Nadean  
Harley Elevator – Peter Mara Tech – Dave Moase Reader Lelie Guimond  
Coffee Hour – Pastoral Care

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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 in the lower lobby outside the Fellowship Lounge. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box at the back of the sanctuary.

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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) 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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April 20, 2025

Series: "Centered on Christ" - Lent 2025

# Easter Sunday



## Order of Worship

### God Invites Us to Gather

- *Indicates standing for all who are able*

**Prelude** *March of the Victorious* John Johnson  
Festal Chorus From  
Judas Maccabeus Arr. Benton Price

### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

### Announcements and Centering Ritual

The Discovery of the Empty Tomb & Call to Worship\*

#### Luke 24:1-9

One: This is the place of joy.

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: This is the time of new hope.

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: This is the way of freedom.

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: Gathered with faithful friends,

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: Everything is possible now.

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: Christ is risen indeed.

**Many: Hallelujah!**

- **Hymn VU 158** *Christ is Alive*

### Opening Prayer\*\*

**Many: This is the day that you have made, life-giving God. Joining with angels and archangels and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we will rejoice and be glad this day. You take our endings, and You make Your new beginnings. You surprise and astound us in places where we expected that You were absent. You challenge us to reconsider what is possible. Living Lord, Saviour Christ, we praise You, for You are raised by the power of God and there is a new creation, and, by Your grace, we are in it! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Anthem:** *Rejoice! The Lord is King* arr. by Larry Shackley

**Time with God's Children:** Surprise! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Illumination** (offered by Kate Sparrow)

**Scripture** **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (Kate Sparrow)

- **Hymn: MV 121** *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!*

**Sermon** **Rising with Christ, Our Cornerstone** Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Prayers of the People\*\*\* & Lord's Prayer**

### Stewardship Moment

- **Sung Dedication** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Hymnal #94 (The United Methodist)

**Offertory** *Victory* Robert J. Hughes

### Prayer of Dedication

- **Hymnal 364** *Because He Lives* (The United Methodist)

### Sending Words

One: Christ is risen, and blessed are his scars!

**Many: God calls us to rise, too bearing our blessed scars.**

One: May the grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

**Benediction in Song VU 958** *Halle, Halle, Halle* (twice)

**Postlude** *Christ Triumphant* George Blake

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\*Call to Worship by David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. *Gathering: Lent/Easter 2025*, p. 43. Used with permission.

\*\*Opening Prayer by Christine Jarret, from her blog *Christine Jarrett: Reflections on Being the Church in God's New Creation*, <https://christinejarrett.wordpress.com/>. Used with permission.

\*\*\*Prayers of the People adapted from prayer by Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. Posted on *Gatheringworship.ca*. Used with permission.

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

## Meetings

### This Week

Wed. April 23– 7:00pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary

Sat. April 26 – 9:30pm-2:00pm – Garage Sale

### Upcoming

Tues. April 29 – 6:00pm UCW Potluck, in Heritage Hall

Wed. April 30 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

## Announcements

**Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place them in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex. **Things they need:** juice, jam, tea, sugar, cookies, canned pasta, any soup except vegetable or chicken noodle, canned meat, salmon, canned chickpeas, and dish soap.

### GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 26, 2025 – 9:30am – 2:00pm

This coming Saturday - April 26, 2025

9:30 – 2:00

**DONATIONS** - can be dropped off in the auditorium on Monday from 10:00 – 3:00 and Tuesday to Thursday from 9:30 – 4:00 and 6:30 – 8:00. We will not be accepting donations on Friday. 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. **Remember that we do not accept adult clothing or large furniture.**

**VOLUNTEERS** - We look forward to seeing everyone who has volunteered to help set up from Tuesday to Friday this week. If you have signed up for April 26<sup>th</sup> we will let you know where we need you most. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet you still can, today after church in the narthex!

**YARD SIGNS** - Signs are available in the narthex again today so please take one and advertise our garage sale on your front lawn!

**FOOD** - The Men's Group will be selling muffins & coffee and hot dogs & cold drinks at the garage sale. Please come out and support their efforts!

Please contact Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761) or Deanna Hodges ([deannahodges@rogers.com](mailto:deannahodges@rogers.com)) with any questions.

**Macgregor Meats Fundraiser is now in action!** The information package has been emailed to the congregation. Orders are due to John Wilton by May 6 with pickup in the parking lot on May 13. Be sure to share this information with friends and family as those who have tried these products love them and want more. Questions – send to [john.wilton2@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.wilton2@sympatico.ca). For anyone who did not receive the emailed package a few hard copies of the order form are in the narthex. Please support as this is an important and easy fundraiser for SUC!

**UCW Members** - Here's hoping our Spring Potluck supper is on your calendars for Tuesday, April 29th at 6 pm. in Heritage Hall. Remember to Draw the Circle Wide and bring along a friend or neighbour. In spite of Mother Nature we will extend a warm welcome to all. Please let me (Ev Courtney) or Antoinette Clarke know if you are coming and bringing a guest.

### Pastoral Care during Rev. Joe's Time Away

Rev. Joe will be away for vacation and a pastors conference from April 24 to May 4. If anyone needs emergency pastoral care during this time, they call Rev. Kathi Phillips at (905)751-7562 or email her at [revkphillips@gmail.com](mailto:revkphillips@gmail.com).

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

## 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

*Harmony*

God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

*Harmony*

Je sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives,  
this child can face un - cer - tain days because he lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

\*Jesus

*Refrain*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;  
be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;  
be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,  
and life is worth the liv - ing just because he lives.