Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Peter Mckintosh Upper Lobby – Tony Tadros Elevator –
Doug Hitchcock Tech – Megan Sweetman Reader - Bill Powell Coffee Hour –
Property Communion - Bill / Katie Powell

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Ev Courtney **Upper Lobby** – Wendy Johnson **Elevator** – Kevin Dowling **Tech** – Wendy Dowling **Reader** Chris Monk **Coffee Hour** – Finance

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

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)
- 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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May 11, 2025 Sermon – Shepherding and Mother Blessed Wounds



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 Just As I Am William B. Bradbury

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship*

One: Is God a good shepherd who leads us safely through danger while calming our fears?

Many: Yes, God is shepherd!

One: Is God a good parent who bears us, comforts us, protects us and prepares

us to rest?

Many: Yes, God is parent!

One: Is God a teacher who daily prepares us, challenging students to offer their

best?

Many: Yes, God is teacher!

One: We want to love God and bring God delight!

Many: God is shepherd, parents, and teacher, but God is greater than all that we know. Holy and living, loving and living, God is with us wherever we go.

• **Hymn MV 121** Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah

Opening Prayer**

Many: O God of Love, like a nursing mother, You care for us, body and soul. You know our needs before they're stated, our inmost secrets before they're named, and our daily hunger for bread, for justice, for You. May Your Bread of Life feed us and fuel us to work for your kin(g)dom on earth. Amen.

Choir Anthem A Mother's Hands Ruth Elaine Schram

Time with God's Children Sheeple and Sheplords (with Recitation of Psalm 23)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture John 10:22-30 Bill Powell

Sermon Shepherding and Mothering Blessed Wounds Rev. Joe Hopkins

• **Hymn VU 478** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (v. 1-3)

Holy Communion Prayers***

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

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(United Methodist Hymnal #94)

Offering Loose cash donated today will be used to support the Benevolent fund, giving to those of our community in need.

Offertory Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish

arr. Mary E. Bryne

(twice)

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

• **Hymn VU 556** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (v.1 & 2)

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

Postlude Create in Me A Clean Heart arr. Mark Hayes

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

^{*}Call to Worship based on hymn, "Are You a Shepherd?" by Ruth Duck in More Voices, #126.

^{**}Opening Prayer written by Heather Ferrier, Trinity U.C., Mahone Bay, N.S. Posted on <u>GatheringWorship.ca</u>. 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.



Meetings

This Week

Tues. May 13-7:00pm-9:00pm - Church Council, in FL

Wed. May 14-7:00pm-8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Upcoming Meetings

May 19 – Victoria Day

Tues. May 20 - 1:00pm - 3:30pm - Sunshine Circle, In FL

Wed. May 21-7:00pm-8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Announcements

We are very grateful to Robin Dalgleish providing musician supply this morning as Michelle spends vacation time with her family.

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, coffee, tea, sugar, salt, canned pasta, canned corn, any soup but vegetable or chicken noodle, canned meat, salmon, pasta sauce, cereal, baked beans and dish soap.

Flowers – The flowers in the sancutary are from the UCW to honour all Mother's on Mother's Day!

Invite-a-Friend Sunday on May 25

Let's intentionally invite people who aren't regular worshipers with us! We will lean into familiar songs, and Rev. Joe will share a message about "God Winking." Invite a friend to worship with you on May 25!

Mississauga-wide Centennial Celebration Worship

On June 8 nine United Church of Canada congregations in Mississauga (including ours) will come together at Eden United Church at 3151 Battleford Road to celebrate 100 years of the UCC! Highlights will include a mass choir, special youth messages, and short sermons by ministers (including Rev. Joe). If you need help traveling to Eden UC, please sign up on the sheet in the upper lobby/narthex.

MAY IS PAR MONTH – WILL YOU TAKE THE PAR CHALLENGE and JOIN THE PARty?

As a Community of Faith that is "Centered on Christ, serving God and our neighbours" we commit to this through stewardship. PAR easily allows us to make that commitment!

PAR – Pre Authorized Remittance – easy, convenient and a secure way to support the life and work of Streetsville United Church.

PAR allows better planning for SUC as it plans and budgets more efficiently with a more consistent cashflow.

PAR is flexible – simple to set up once and donations can be adjusted at any time.

PAR has the lowest administrative fee - less than the cost of a cheque, less than donating through Canada Helps, less than administrative bank fees for single use donations through e-transfers.

PAR keeps you regular! Automatic deductions are made from your bank account or applied to your credit card (so you can still collect your points) ensuring your support continues even when you are not in attendance. You may take vacations, but the church does not!

Christian stewardship - we are called to give back part of what has been generously given by God. As a PAR donor you select the amount that fits your budget while allowing you to give consistently and stay within your means.

Already a donor? – when did you last increase your PAR? Yes, costs have risen and so have church expenses. Please review your donation and increase as you are able. For further information please contact Bev Mathew at bev.mathew@rogers.com.

Will you take the PAR challenge and join the PARty?



