

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

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

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Wendy Johnson **Upper Lobby** – Nanci Anderson **Elevator** – Kent Sweetman **Tech** – Bevan Jutzen **Reader** – Dianne Nowoselski **Coffee Hour** – UCW Sunshine Circle

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 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 bev.mathew@rogers.com or 905-826-5005.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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Sunday May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*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 *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*
 My Lord, What a Morning Arr. By Cindy Berry

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are weary

MANY: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

One: Come, all who are heavy-laden,

MANY: with too much, too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

One: Come, all who have hope

MANY: for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

One: Hear these words, "See, I am making all things new".

(Adapted words by Rosie Venner from "I am Making All Things New")

- **Hymn VU 166** *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, "new every morning is your love". Each day is a new beginning, full of possibility. Today, we open our minds and hearts to the new beginning we so need, the new beginning our world so needs. We await the dawning of new life, the springing forth of new hope, the "greening power" blossoming forth in beauty and grace. We wait. We listen. We hope. Amen. (Adapted words from Jane Doull)

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Natalie Sleeth

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, as we encounter the scriptures on this day, breathe understanding into us. May our hearts beat with the rhythm of your love. Change us as we hear your word anew this day. Amen.

Scripture *John 13:31-35* Chris Monk
 Revelation 21:1-6

- **Hymn VU 371** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Sermon ***Imagine*** Mary Parsons

Offertory *Amazing Grace* Arr. By Cindy Berry

Song of Dedication *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
(United Methodist Hymnal #94)

Prayer of Dedication and for Others

Response words in unison: God of new life, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 713** *I See a New Heaven*

Sending Words

One: Let us go forth to share LOVE with those we meet

MANY: at home and in our community

One: at work and at play.

MANY: in happy times and sad times.

One: And may the Spirit of New Life breathe through us as we care for each other, as we share stories, as we break bread together and as we seek healing and peace for this beloved world.

- **Benediction in Song VU 958** *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Arr. By Cindy Berry

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

Meetings

This Week

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

Thurs. May 22 – 9:30am – 11:30am – Pastoral Care, in FL

Thurs. May 22 – 8:30pm – 9:30pm – Boomer Practice, in Sanctuary

Upcoming Meetings

Mon. May 26 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm - Joy Givers, in FL

Wed. May 28 - 7:00pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Announcements

A warm welcome to Mary Parsons -

Following retirement in 2020 from a long nursing career, Mary began studies through the United Church of Canada toward becoming a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. In 2022 she met the requirements of our Horseshoe Falls Regional Council as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She continues to offer worship leadership in several area churches.

Mary grew up in a farming community in southwestern Ontario. Mary and her family have lived in Oakville since 1988 and are active members of Munn's United Church. She and her husband Doug have three adult sons and are proud grandparents of William and are awaiting the arrival of a new grandbaby. Mary describes her worship leadership style as deeply practical. She believes in the importance of honouring tradition, while bringing God's message of love and grace into our everyday lives. Worship is where we can be renewed and refreshed to face the challenges ahead and give thanks for the many gifts we have been given.

Pastoral Care - Rev. Nicholas Forrester of Erindale United Church has agreed to offer emergency pastoral care while Rev. Joe is on vacation on May 14-18. People may reach him by email at minister@erindaleunited.church or call him at 519-374-9822.

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.



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, and dish soap.

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!

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?



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!