

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Bev Mathew **Upper Lobby** – Jean Stopa **Elevator** – Terry Stopa **Tech** – Wendy Dowling **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Coffee Hour** – Worship

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Bev Mathew **Upper Lobby** – Tony Tadros **Elevator** – Charlie Walsh **Tech** – John Sparrow **Reader** – Bill Powell **Coffee Hour** – Joy Givers
Communion – Bill / Katie Powell +1

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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Sunday Aug 31, 2025

Series – Praying Through the Bible



*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 Tranquillo from Organ Sonata III.....

Guest Organist: Aaron Zhang

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Our in-person worship occurs on the traditional land of Indigenous peoples including the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Mississaugas of the Credit.

Announcements & Centering Ritual

Call to Worship

One: In the beginning God worked with human clay and then set our original ancestor to labour in a garden.

Many: We reclaim our heritage as divinely commissioned workers in God's creation.

One: On this Labour Sunday we recognize that too many workers are alienated from their work and struggle to get what they need for their basic sustenance.

Many: We lament the sin that has pervaded our lives and our labour.

One: And God is still at work—working for justice, working for peace, working for love!

Many: Let us worship God who works with us still!

- **Hymn VU 260**

God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

Opening Prayer**

Many: God of Solidarity, thank You for being a God who enters the suffering of the world—who doesn't run from those in pain but rushes to the site of blood and tears. Release us from those empty cravings for unity that come at no cost to the oppressor. Lead us toward spaces of costly advocacy. We confess that in speaking up on behalf of the oppressed, we too soon become enamored with the sound of our own voices. Our egos spoil even our best intentions. Show us when the voices of the vulnerable are being drowned out by the cacophony of the privileged. Make our presence and dignity known in a world that perpetually eclipses the voices of the marginalized. Guide us into a solidarity that demands something of us. Let us learn to risk ourselves on behalf of the vulnerable, believing that when one of us is harmed, we all are.

And God, keep us from those who will demonize the fight in us, who would prefer us complacent and far from one another. Secure in us the courage to resist, knowing that together we will restore what the world has tried to suffocate in us. Amen.

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Cathy Hitchcock

Scripture

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Cathy Hitchcock

Sermon

Johannes Chan

Stewardship Moment & Offering

(See Sharing Our Offerings Note)

Offertory

Guest Organist: Aaron Zhang

Adagio from Organ Sonata II.....

Felix Mendelssohn

Sung Dedication VU 541

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn MV 183** I'm Gonna Shout, Shout (Shout Out Your Love)

Sending Words:

One: Today's liturgy, which means work of the people, has ended. Now go forth to work with God in the world for beauty, peace, love, and justice.

Many: We go forth to work in the name of God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Spirit our Helper. Amen.

Benediction in Song

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

Guest Organist: Aaron Zhang

Eight Little Preludes and Fuges No. 1 in C Major, BWV 553..... J.S. Bach

**Opening Prayer written by Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*, p. 141-142.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the Worship service

I'm Gonna Shout, Shout

(Shout Out Your Love)

Swing
♩ = 135

I'm gon-na shout, shout, shout out my love for Je - sus, for Je-
sus! I'm gon-na shout, shout, shout out my love for God's
most ho-ly child! For what - ev - er I might do to - day, at
home, at school, at work, at play, I've got Je - sus' love deep
down in - side of me!

Make up additional verses and actions such as:

"I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up my hands..."
"I'm gonna dance, dance, dance all around..."

This Week's Meetings:

Wed Sept 3 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary

Thurs Sept 4 – 9:30am 11:30m – Pastoral Care, in the FL

Upcoming Meetings:

Sun Sept 7 – 11:30am – 1:00pm – UCW Exec, in the FL

Tues Sept 9 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Church Council, in the FL

Wed Sept 10 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary

Thurs Sept 11 – 1:00pm – Friendship Circle Auction, in the FL

Announcements: Johannes Chan, Guest Preacher - Johannes Chan is a PhD candidate in the Science & Technology Studies program at York University, researching the environmental history of watermills in long-19th century Ontario and their connections to colonialism and empire. Johannes is a research associate at the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies and an affiliate with the Technoscience Research Unit at the University of Toronto. They're also a rank-and-file member of their labour union, CUPE 3903, and formerly the York University coordinator for the Student Christian Movement.

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

Tea, coffee, jam, sugar, salt, 900gm size pasta, canned pasta, Kraft dinner, salmon, side dishes, canned meat, baked beans, cookies, crackers, any kind of soup, canned fruit and dish soap.

Summer Worship Service Child Care - Thank you to all who have been helping this summer! We have a few weeks left and the sign-up sheet is still in the narthex - feel free to add your name to help in the event that we have a number of children present.

Library Book Cart - The cart is in the Narthex, and the books are available to borrow on an honour system. As often as possible, books are selected to support the sermon or seasonal themes, but we also have children's books as well as bibles. So, borrow, read, enjoy, return!

"Learning about God from Plants" - Join us for an early autumn Christian education series on Sundays at noon! Rev. Joe will lead field trips to places where we can observe, imagine, and learn about God's creative power among plant life. Sessions will have the following themes and locations:

Sept. 7 – Roots (at Streetsville Memorial Park)

Sept. 14 – Stems & Trunks (Streetsville Public Cemetery entrance)

Sept. 21 – Branches (Streetsville Rotary Park)

Sept. 28 – Leaves (Streetsville Pollinator Garden)

Oct. 5 – Flowers, Fruits & Nuts (Leslie Log House)

Oct. 12 – Planting Love Letters (Streetsville UC Memorial Garden)

We encourage participants to sign up in the upper lobby/narthex, but sign-up is not required.

Canning Jars Donations needed of 250ml canning jars for our wonderful jam makers! There is a box in the narthex, please leave the jars there.