Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Jennifer Honsa **Upper Lobby** – Wendy Johnson **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Megan Sweetman **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Coffee Hour** – Sunshine

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Peter Mackintosh Upper Lobby – Bev Mathew Elevator – Charlie Walsh Tech – Kate Sparrow Reader – Bill Powell Coffee Hour – Ministry, Personnel & Christian Ed Communion – Bill / Katie +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 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 (use info@streetsvilleunited.ca) 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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Office Hours: Tue - Fri 8:30 - 12:30 pm

Sunday September 28, 2025

Series – Pruning for Fruitfulness Sermon – Grapes Gone Wild



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

Boomer Band Set Lord I Lift Your Name on High

I Could sing of Your Love Forever

Mighty is Our God

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Prelude Sweet, Sweet Spirit by Doris Akers

Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee by Cindy Berry

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: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

Many: But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

One: What happened in that place of promise?

Many: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

One: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

Many: Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word.

Boomer Band Praise Songs - Lord I Lift Your Name on High I Could sing of Your Love Forever

Prayer of Confession

Many: Loving Creator God, You have tended us, Your church, like a cherished vineyard, and through us You have produced spiritual fruit of hope, compassion, service, and even miracles. Yet Your church, our spiritual ancestors, has also committed horrible sins that have produced poisonous fruit of trauma and despair. God, we feel the weight of the

sins that our spiritual ancestors committed against the Indigenous people of this land we now call Canada, and too often we neglect the work of truth and reconciliation. Forgive us, merciful God, and tend the vines of our hearts again. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Saviour.

Time of Silet Refection

Words of Assurance

One: Hear this good news! While we were still stuck in our sin, God sent God's Son, Jesus, to live, die, and rise again that we may live in the Spirit, die to sin, and rise again to eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: We thank You, merciful God! Amen.

Time with God's Children Wild Grapes vs. Farm Grapes

Prayer of Illumination Cathy Hitchcock

ScriptureIsaiah 5:1-7Cathy HitchcockSermonGrapes Gone WildRev Joe

Choir Anthem "Walk Worthy" by Joseph M. Martin

Stewardship Moment & Offering (See "Sharing Our Offerings" Note)

Offertory In Dich Hab Ich Gehoffet, Herr. (In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust). by J. C. Bach

Sung Dedication VU 376 Spirit of the Living God (v. 1 only)

Pastoral Pryer**
Lord's Prayer

• **Hymn VU 331** The Church's One Foundation

Sending Words:

One: Go forth, siblings in faith, as branches growing from the True Vine of Jesus Christ: humble enough to change, faithful enough to grow in new directions, confident enough to share our spiritual fruit.

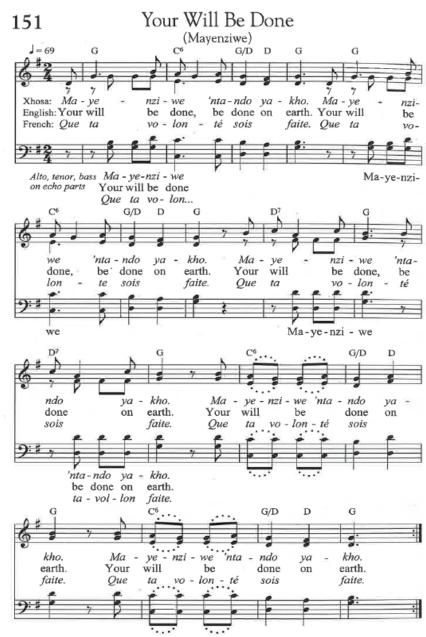
Many: We go forth centered on Christ, serving God and our neighbours.

Benediction in Song MV 151 *Your Will Be Done* (Twice) **Postlude** *The Church's One Foundation* by Cindy Berry

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

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Xhosa pronunciation: Mah-yay-nzee-way ntah-ndoh yah-khoh.

This Week's Meetings:

Sun. Sept. 28 – Leaves – 12:00pm (Streetsville Pollinator Garden)

Tues. Sept 29 - UCC Clergy Gathering - 12:00pm-2:00pm, in FL

Wed. Oct 1 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

Thurs. Oct. 9 – 1:00pm-3:00pm – Friendship Circle, in FL

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.

Oatmeal, coffee, jam, canned pasta, Kraft dinner, salmon, side dishes, canned meat, baked beans, cookies, canned chickpeas, soup, canned fruit and dish soap.

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. 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.

Harvest of Crafts sale preparations are underway! A box for 250ml canning jars is in the narthex. If you have jars to donate, please leave them there. For those who have made jams and preserves, Sandy Hayashi can take these anytime now for decorating and labelling. Please connect with her at 905-569-9966.

CPR and AED course October 4, 2025

One of the time and talent ideas was to have a CPR and AED course. A full day course has been set for Saturday October 4, 2025, from 9 am to 5:15 pm. There are a very limited number of spaces available on a first come first serve basis with payment to the office. We have satisfied the **minimum number of 10 people** for this event on site. The **cost per person is \$179.67** including tax.

If you are interested, please contact Martha Heeney at <u>marthaheeney7@gmail.com</u> or the church office.

Macgregor's Meat - Back by popular demand! The Macgregor's meat fundraiser will roll out in October with delivery planned for November. Information packages will be emailed directly to congregation members. Watch your email for this great opportunity to fill your freezer and begin spreading the word to family, friends and neighbors.

Pastor Care Committee is holding a Welcome Back Potluck luncheon on Sunday October 19th