

Welcome Team

Assisting This 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

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Ev Courtney **Upper Lobby** – Jean Stop **Elevator** – Terry Stopa
Tech – Meagan Sweetman **Reader** – Leslie Guimond **Coffee Hour** – Friendship 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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Sunday September 7, 2025

Series – Pruning for Fruitfulness



*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 *Air from Cantata No. 27 by J. S. Bach* Arr. By Chester Nordman
NUN LASST UNS GOTT DEM HERREN By F. W. Zachau (1663-1712)
Now Let us to the Lord God

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: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

Many: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

Many: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

Many: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Many: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

- **Hymn VU 395** *Come In, Come in and Sit Down (Part of the Family)*
(v. 1 & 3)

Prayer of Confession**

Many: God of Love, God of the Vine, we are a work in progress. We are not always the fruit-bearing branches You would have us be. Sometimes we wither away. Our withered branches are good for nothing but to be gathered and thrown into the fire. Help us, God of all living things! Show us how to bend to the source of nourishment. Help us become strong branches of the vine, fruit-bearing branches that are pruned and productive. Loving God of the Vine, we give thanks for Your patience in our growth. You accept us as we are. Some of us are gnarled, twisted vines, some young and robust, others bent and struggling, yet You prune away that which is holding us back. You make us strong and

fruitful. Knowing that we are loved, we give thanks, God of the Vine. And in the name of Jesus, the vine-keeper, we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem: *One Step He Leads* Pepper Choplin

Time with God's Children *Cut Off*

Prayer of Illumination Bill Powell

Scripture *John 15:1-11* Bill Powell

Sermon *Pruning for Fruitfulness* Rev Joe

Holy Communion***

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...

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen.

Eating & Drinking Together

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

Many: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

One: Let's eat together.

All worshipers eat.

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Many: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

One: Let us drink together.

All worshipers drink.

Stewardship Moment & Offering (See Sharing Our Offerings Note)

Offertory *Wachet Auf, Ihr Faulen Christen (Awake, the Voice is Calling Us)*
by M. G. Fischer (1773-1829)

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

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

• **Hymn VU 436** *Abide with Me* (v. 1, 3 & 5)

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* (sung twice)

Postlude *Postlude Pomposo* By George Blake

*Call to Worship written by Rev. Joanna Harader, from SpaciousFaith.com. Used with permission.

**Prayer of Confession written by Roxanne Williams, GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.

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Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the Worship service



Sun Sept 7 – 11:30am – 1:00pm UCW Executive Meeting, in FL
Tues Sept 9 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Church Council, in FL
Wed Sept 10 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary
Thurs Sept 11 – 1:00pm – Friendship Circle Auction, in the FL

Wed Sept 17 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary

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, 900gm size pasta, canned pasta, Kraft dinner, salmon, side dishes, canned meat, baked beans, cookies, any kind of 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. 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.

Land Acknowledgement Workshop & Strawberry Thanksgiving

Join the people of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council online on Wednesday, September 24th at 10:00-11:30 AM for Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion and take your acknowledgement of Territory to the next level by considering the Spiritual Covenant. Get into contact with Rev. Joe for more information and/or sign up in the upper lobby/narthex area

Your Will Be Done

(Mayenziwe)

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Xhosa: Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi -
English: Your will be done, be done on earth. Your will be
French: Que ta vo - lon - té sois faite. Que ta vo -

Alto, tenor, bass Ma - ye - nzi - we Ma - ye - nzi -
on echo parts Your will be done
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Xhosa pronunciation: Mah-yay-nzee-way ntah-ndoh yah-khoh.