

## Welcome Team

### Assisting This Week:

**Sanctuary Lead** – Ev Courtney **Upper Lobby** – Laura Mara **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – Bevan Jutzen **Reader** – Dianne Nowoselski **Coffee Hour** – Worship

### Assisting Good Friday:

**Sanctuary Lead** – Gail Boulton **Upper Lobby** – Nanci Anderson **Elevator** – Terry Stopa **Tech** – Dave Moase **Reader** – Choir Members

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**Our Prayer Chain is available.** When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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**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 (use [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)) or the UCW (use [stvlucw@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:stvlucw@streetsvilleunited.ca))
- 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](mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com) or 905-826-5005.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

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Friday April 3, 2026

Cantata – “The Solemn Shadows”



*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

3 bell tolls & 3rd candle extinguished

### God Invites Us to Gather

- Indicates standing for all who are able

**Prelude**                                    “Were You There”            Arr. Hal Leonard  
    “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”            Arr. Hal Leonard

### 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 Exercise

- Hymn MV 17                    “God in the Darkness”

### Opening Prayer\*

**Many: Holy God, we come to You filled with awe at Your greatness and mercy. You are the God who placed stars in the heavens and the fish in the depths of the ocean. You are also the God who gave up Your power, embracing the depths of despair and loss through the cross. You are the God who calls the nations to judgement, yet also the God who gave Christ in order to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. We bow in humble praise and adoration, even as we journey to the cross today. We pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Solemn Shadows* - a choral cantata by Joseph M. Martin

**Music donated by Bernie Brennensteul in loving memory of his mother  
Trudy Brennensteul**

**Prologue**                                    **Into the Shadows** - Tune: Herzliebster Jeus  
    By Johan Johann Crüger (1598-1662) Arr. By Joseph Martin

**Narration**                                    **John 3:16 & Philippians 2:6-11**  
    3 bell tolls & extinguish 1st candle

**Song**    “Call of the Shadows”                    Soloist Sharon Smale

**Narration**                                    **Luke 13:34 & John 12:13 (paraphrased)**  
    3 bell tolls & 2nd candle extinguished

**Song**    “Palm Shadows”

**Narration**                                    **Luke 22:7-8, 15-16, 19-20**

**Song**    “Shadows in an Upper Room”

**Narration**                                    **Matthew 26:36-39 (paraphrased)**  
    3 bell tolls & 4th candle extinguished

**Song**    “The Garden of Shadows”

**Narration**                                    **Luke 23 (paraphrased)**  
    3 bell tolls & 5th candle extinguished

**Song**    “The Falling Tear”

**Concluding Narration**                    **Isaiah 53:5**

**Epilogue**                                    **The Shadows of Parting**            Tune: Herzliebster Jeus  
    By Johan Johann Crüger (1598-1662) Arr. By Joseph Martin

### **Performance Note**

*The Solemn Shadows was inspired by the medieval tradition of observing Tenebrae, a service of Shadows of Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. This is a sacred time for Christians to reflect on the events of Jesus's passion. Typically, a special candelabra holds lit candles that are gradually extinguished following special scripture reading until only the largest central candle, the Christ candle, remains.*

*The sanctuary would be left in darkness and shadows. **The congregation leaves in silence**, reflecting upon the great impact of Christ's death on the world and contemplating with hope the coming of Easter and the promise of resurrection.*

*It is Joseph Martin's prayer that in the stillness of this gathering of reflection, you will hear the voice of grace whispering to your heart and Reminding you of the beautiful Christ.*

**From:** Performance note by Joseph Martin.

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If you would like to make a physical donation there will be a plate at the entrance / exit of the sanctuary.

If you would like to donate online, please do so at  
info@streetsvilleunited.ca.

### **This Week's Meetings**

**Sunday April 5 - 8:00am Easter Morning Sunrise Service!** – by the dock at Lake Aquitaine. Park at the Meadowvale Community Centre. **This is a joint service with Eden United. Streetsville United will continue to hold its Easter morning worship service here at 10:00 am in our sanctuary.**

**Mon. April 6 – Easter Monday**

**Tues. April 7 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Final Lenten Class,** in the Library

**Thurs. April 9 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Friendship Circle,** in FL

**Sun. April 12 – 11:30:am – 5:00pm - UCW Executive Meeting (after Church),** in FL

### **Next Week's Meetings**

**Wed. April 15 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm - Choir Practice,** in Sanctuary

### **Announcements:**

Rev. Joe will be on vacation from April 9 to April 14. Keith Mayers will be leading worship on Sunday, April 12. Rev. Irene Ty will provide emergency pastoral care while Joe is away. Rev. Irene's contact information 647-997-1378 or email her at irenety888@gmail.com.

**Eden Food for Change Donations** – Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place them in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex. Pasta sauce, cookies, oatmeal, juice, canned vegetables, canned kidney beans, any soup but vegetable or tomato, tea, salmon, jam, and dish soap.

Thank you so much for saving your egg cartons for us. We have been putting them to good use for the last several years and would have been lost without them. Right now, we have a good store of egg cartons at both our locations and are running out of storage space. We ask that you please hold on to them and we will let you know when we need you to start bringing them in again.

Please save **used stamps for the Canadian Bible Society**. Ten pounds of stamps equals 6 Key to Freedom Bibles that are distributed to men and women in prison. Leave the stamps on the envelope and cut around 1/4 inch. They can be dropped into the basket in the narthex (next to the used eyeglasses basket.) This website gives you more information: [Stamps for Freedom - Canadian Bible Society](#)

### **Fire Safety Information -**

**There is a fire safety card located near your seat.**

**Please make sure that you are aware of where your Fire Exit is located**

**Almsgiving**-This is the act of donating money, food or material goods to people in need, rooted in compassion and often viewed as a spiritual act of mercy, justice and sacrifice. It is frequently practised during Lent with prayer and fasting. It encourages selfless giving to help those who need assistance in any way. If you wish to participate in this activity, here are some ideas. It can include donating to your favourite charity, volunteer to give of your time and talent to an organization, visit members of your congregation who would benefit from a conversation and/or a meal together, making donations of gifts cards for food stores which can be placed on the offering plate or anything else that you feels important to you.

**Garage Sale Update**  
**Saturday April 25, 2026**

**DONATIONS:**

Donations are now being accepted and can be placed on the stage in the auditorium. During the week leading up to the garage sale, donations will be accepted Monday April 20 to Thursday April 23 9:30am – 4:00pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Prior to this, you may also drop off on Sunday mornings or contact Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761) or Deanna Hodges ([deannahodges@rogers.com](mailto:deannahodges@rogers.com)) to arrange a time for drop off during the week.

**REMINDER:** We do not accept large furniture. Jewellery donations can be given directly to Lorraine or Deanna.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help with the garage sale (set-up, cashiers, general help, clean up, etc.) during the week of Tuesday April 21 – Friday April 24 and on Saturday April 25, the date of the sale. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after Easter.

**YARD SIGNS:**

Signs will be available after Easter so please take one and advertise our garage sale on your front lawn!

**If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine or Deanna.**

# God in the Darkness

♩ = 104 Cm A<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>

1 God in the dark - ness, God be - yond our know - ing, pa - tient cre -  
 2 God in the dark - ness, God in all our griev - ing, friend of our  
 3 God in the dark - ness, God of ho - ly dream - ing, gi - ver of

a - tor, seed in se - cret grow - ing, rock of the liv - ing,  
 tears, com - pan - ion ne - ver leav - ing, draw - ing us past the  
 hope, and pledge of our re - deem - ing, Spir - it of truth, our

Gm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus<sup>4</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> (Fm Gm) A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

wa - ter e - ver flow - ing, come and re - new us.  
 li - mits of be - liev - ing, come and re - new us.  
 mem - or - y and mean - ing, come and re - new us.

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