

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Ev Courtney **Upper Lobby** – Wendy Johnson **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Megan Sweetman **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Lemonade in the Courtyard** – Ministry & Personnel / Christian Ed **Communion** – Doug and Cathy Hitchcock, Wendy Johnson

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Tony Tadros **Upper Lobby** – Heather Drew **Elevator** – Charlie Walsh **Tech** – John Sparrow **Reader** – Dianne Nowoselski **Lemonade in the Courtyard** – Outreach

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@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 or 905-826-5005.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

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Sunday July 5, 2026

Sermon – “The Burden of Living into Your Faith”



*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 “We Gather Together” Arr. Victor Labenske
 “Let us Break Bread Together” Arr. By 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 Ritual

Call to Worship*

One: Come to this time of worship as a child, trusting in God’s goodness.
Come on everyone, let’s worship the Lord!

Come to Jesus, all you who have been beaten down this week.

We have come here to Jesus, in the midst of the turmoil around us.

Come to Jesus, all you who are tired of conflict all around, tired of high gas prices, tired of glass ceilings, quotas, minimum wage jobs, and limited family values.

We have come here to Jesus, feeling like we are on our last nerve.

Jesus said, “I’ll give you rest. I’ll bring you relief. I’ll provide your deliverance. I’ll make a way.”

We have come here to Jesus knowing that he will give us wonderful rest!

So, come on everyone, let’s worship the Lord!

Based on a prayer from Joseph W. Daniels, The Africana Worship Book, Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 69.

- **Hymn VU 510** “We Have This Ministry”

Opening Prayer*

**Loving Jesus, in times of weakness and hour of need,
yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.**

**When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
yours are the arms stretched out to help us
the grace that we depend on.**

In times of weakness and hour of need,

your voice is heard,

‘Come... find rest.’

This is grace divine,

the path we tread to wholeness

of body and spirit,

the path that leads to you,

and for which we offer our offering of praise. Amen.

Written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and

Worship, https://www.faithandworship.com/Lectionary_C/YearC_13th_in

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[worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/prayer-matthew-11-28-30.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/prayer-matthew-11-28-30.html).

- **Hymn VU 365** “Jesus Loves Me”

Time with God’s Children

Prayer of Illumination

Cathy Hitchcock

Scripture

Matthew 11: 16-20, 25-30

Cathy Hitchcock

¹⁶“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Upcoming Summer Bible Reading Program:

During the months of July and August we will be reading through the Book of Genesis together! Christian education chair Leslie Guimond and Rev. Joe have developed a booklet to help readers keep track of where they are in the book and try to make sense of the often-wild stories of the first book of the Bible. These booklets are now available in hardcopy in the upper lobby/narthex and on the church website under Worship and then Newsletters. We will also gather for in-person small group gatherings on Tues. July 14, Tues. July 28, Tues. Aug. 11, Wed. Aug. 26 at 7 PM in the choir room.

SUC ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK RECIPES NEEDED PLEASE:

We are gathering recipes for our special Anniversary cookbook and want to include recipes from EVERYONE!

Appetizers, soups, salads, main courses, desserts, cookies, squares, jams and preserves. 1-4 would be great!

Please include the origin of the recipe or if it is just a Family Favourite etc. Please send your recipes either in a picture form or Word Document to Bill and I at: William.powell@sympatico.ca by the end of July.

Call us at 905-824-6851 if you have any questions.

Thanks so much! Katie P.

Eden Food for Change Donations: Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place them in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex. Items needed are Cookies, canned vegetables, canned pasta, soup, tea, canned beans, baked beans, Kraft dinner, salmon, and dish soap.

Summer Sundays!

Sunday School is out for the summer and will reconvene in September! In the meantime, the toddler room, the nursery (where the tv monitor is showing the service!) and the Sunday School rooms will be open for those who wish to have a place for children and youths to play and read during the service. We welcome all to the service and look forward to seeing families in the lemonade courtyard gathering afterwards!

Sermon *The Burden Living Into Your Faith* Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

Stewardship Moment

Offering Invitation *“The Potter and The Clay”*

Music by Rebecca Hogan. Arr by Stewart Harris

Singers: Sharon Smale, Carole Beattie, Cathy Hitchcock, Joe Garcia, Rob Gravelins and Roy Kho

Offertory – All loose cash will go towards benevolent funds

Song of Dedication MV 191 *“What Can I Do?”* (repeat once)

Prayer of Dedication

Spirit of Life, giver of every perfect gift. We join together with hearts full of gratitude and eyes open to see the places your abundance shows up in our lives. Bless these offerings and those given outside this time of worship. May our contributions both here and in every part of our lives—how we share our time, our skills and our money—work towards a world of justice and belonging. We pray that it be so. Through the ministries of this community of faith, through the work we do together through Mission and Service, and through our individual choices, may we lay foundations for the kin(g)dom. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Bread and Juice

As you pass the tray of bread, you are invited to say “Jesus Christ, the bread of life.”, and as you receive it, you are invited to respond, “Thanks be to God!” We ask you to hold the bread until everyone has it, so we may eat as a family. Thank you.

As you pass the tray of juice, you are invited to say “Jesus Christ, the true vine.”, and as you receive it, you are invited to respond, “Thanks

be to God!" We ask you to hold the juice until everyone has it, so we may partake as a family. Thank you.

Prayer After Communion

life-giving God,

may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and all creation will live to praise your name.

Amen.

• **Hymn VU 576** *"Will You Come and Follow Me?"*

Sending Words***

We leave with the presence of the Holy,

so we may show others the way to grace and hope.

We leave with Jesus, who draws living water for us,

so we can share it in the heat of summer,

and in the bitterness of winter.

We leave with the Spirit, who teaches us how to listen,

so we may hear the cries of the lonely

and the voices of all who are ignored.

(from: Rev. Thom Shuman, Galloway Presbyterian Church, Galloway OH,

www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

Benediction in Song VU 422 "God Be with You till We Meet Again" (v. 1 refrain)

Postlude *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Arr. Martha Mier

Please join us for lemonade and cake in the courtyard.

Announcements

Rev. Joe will be on vacation June 29-July 12. If you have a spiritual emergency and need to talk with a pastor, you may call Rev. Nick Forrester at 905-277-3656 (office) or 519-374-9822 (mobile).

Sunday July 5 and 12 Evelyn McLachlan will be leading worship.

A warm welcome to Evelyn McLachlan who will be leading worship Sunday July 5 and 12. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan has been retired from active full-time ministry since January 2018, but she finds herself in various pulpits around the area, helping a variety of congregations when they are in need. Evelyn grew up in Timmins with four brothers and a sister and attended the University of Windsor and Queen's Theological College. She has served in five pastorates from Guysborough, NS, to Dutton, ON, to Sarnia, Mississauga, and King City. She is married to Earle Laycock, who is doing the PowerPoint and livestream with Nobleton UC this morning. They have three grandchildren, two of whom live in Germany and the other one is a bit closer, in Huntsville. They enjoy live theatre, Murdoch Mysteries, walking, playing Scrabble, reading, cooking, and solving the world's problems. Evelyn is an avid scrapbooker and novice quilter and plays handbells with the Bronze Foundation Academy. She is now thinking she might learn the ukulele ... just because.

The **Anniversary Committees** need your help! If you like to decorate the committee being led by Kacie Hopkins, and responsible for the decor for November 21 could use your ideas and assistance. The Silent Auction team, led by Ernie Perrin, also needs helpers to assist in finding items for the auction. If you can volunteer to help on either of these teams there are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please join us in making this event a very special celebration!

Reaching out beyond our congregation for pastoral visitation:

Do you feel that God sometimes fills you with enough love to overflow to others? Consider volunteering to visit residents at Streetsville Care Community at 1742 Bristol Road! Rev. Joe has been visiting people there and has found greater need than he can meet by himself. If you feel God calling you to extend God's love to our neighbours, then sign up in the upper lobby/narthex or talk directly with Rev. Joe.

Maybe you rarely or never make your way to our historic entryway, which faces Queen Street. It is accessed by the lower stairway at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks to Katie and Bill Powell, it is now beautifully refreshed. They patched, sanded and painted most of the area and it is ready for use. Please have a look, and appreciate our 150-year-old church entrance, including the old wood doors.

What Can I Do?

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What can I do? What can I bring?
 What? What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with
 What can I say? What can I sing?

joy. (I'll sing with joy.) I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my
 I'll say a prayer.

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Repeats *Last time*

love. I'll do my share. share.
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. share. I'll do my share.