

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Wendy Johnson **Upper Lobby** – Heather Drew **Elevator** – Charlie Walsh **Tech** – John Sparrow **Reader** – Kate Sparrow **Lemonade in the Courtyard** – Joy Givers

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Tony Tadros **Upper Lobby** – Jean Stopa **Elevator** – Terry Stopa **Tech** – Megan Sweetman **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Lemonade in the Courtyard** – Friendship

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 (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 August 16, 2026
Sermon - "Wrestling with God"



*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 “Amazing Grace” Arr. Victor Labenske
 “Adagio Cantabile” Second movement from Piano
 Sonata in C minor, op. 13. Ludwig van Beethoven

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 live in times of conflict:

Many: Conflict around ways of understanding the truth. Conflict between and within communities of faith.

One: We live in the moment, and in the past. We struggle to read what is the future.

Many: It is a challenge, and it is a form of grace that God has given us. We need to celebrate the diversity that is within us, and around us. We need to seek understanding of how all things are in essential unity.

One: So let us open our minds to thoughts that challenge and heal, as we wrestle with conflict, questions, and uncertainty.

- **Hymn VU 642** “Be Thou my Vision”

Opening Prayer**

Many: God of the exiled, You are at home everywhere and nowhere. Make Your home in us this day. Grant us courage to wrestle with what we do not understand. Open our hearts to respond with thoughtful and lasting change. Teach us patience and respect as we care for others and ourselves. Mark us with Your love that we might live as signs of Your kin-dom come. We pray in Jesus’ name.

The Lord’s Prayer (also called the “Our Father”; see page 921 in *Voices United* songbook)

Time with God’s Children

Prayer of Illumination (shared by Kate Sparrow)

Scripture **Genesis 32:22-32** (read by Kate Sparrow)

Sermon “Wrestling with God” Rev. Joe

Stewardship Moment

Offertory “A Closing Prayer” by Don Besig
Singers: Antoinette Clarke, Ruth Oti, Cathy Hitchcock and Joe Garcia

- **Sung Dedication MV 182** “Grateful” (refrain only)

Prayer of Dedication and for Others**

- **Hymn MV 161** “I Have Called You by Your Name”

Sending Words***

One: Good friends, when have you wrestled with God for a blessing?

Many: Everyone struggles with inner turmoil, with doubts and questions, with indecision and uncertainty, with the wounds of relationships.

One: But have you wrestled with God?

Many: We won’t let go of God until we abide in forgiveness and reconciling peace, until we are blessed by the promise of grace. Then, we will go on our way having been changed by God.

One: Good friends, the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Benediction in Song: MV 92 “Like a Rock” (with motions)

Postlude: “Blessed Assurance” Arr. By Brent Edstrom

Please join us for lemonade in the courtyard.

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Announcements

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 signup sheets in the narthex. Please join us in making this event a very special celebration!

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 Wed. Aug. 26 at 7 PM in the choir room.

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!

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

Eden is again in need of egg cartons. These can be placed in the bin in the narthex, Thank you for your continued support of Eden Food for Change.

Let's be environmentally aware and cost conscience. We will try recycling the music sheets in your bulletin. We ask that you leave the sheets in the Narthex after the service in the red basket.

We request any **jars** for jams and preserving. Please leave in the box in the Narthex.

Save the Date for Mississauga-Wide Hymn-Sing:

The United Church congregations of Mississauga will come together on **Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2-3:30 PM at Eden United Church** to explore the new United Church hymnal, *Then Let Us Sing!* Rest assured, this new song book won't replace the ones we already use. Instead, we have the opportunity to add more contemporary and more intercultural songs to what we currently sing. Mark your calendars for this event that will feature a lot of congregational singing, choir performances, and more collaboration with our siblings in Christ across our city!

Cornerstone Community Barbeque: August 21 from 12 – 4:00pm.

Let's get to know our neighbours who live and work at the Indwell housing complex on the corner of Thomas and Victoria Street. All are welcome!

161 I Have Called You by Your Name

(Tu sais...je t'ai appelé(e) par ton nom)

Unison
♩ = 60 C⁷sus⁴ C⁷ F B^b C⁷ Fsus⁴ F

1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
4 I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;

C⁷sus⁴ C⁷ F B^b/F C⁷sus⁴ C

I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.
read it writ - ten in my peo - ple, help them grow.
feel it puls - ing in cre - a - tion's ebb and flow.
I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.

C⁷ Am Dm Gm

I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are
Pour the wa - ter in my name, speak the word your soul can
Like the wo - man reach - ing out, choos - ing faith in spite of
With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren

C C⁷sus⁴ C⁷ F B^b C⁷sus⁴ C⁷ F

true. You are gift - ed, called, and chos - en; you are mine.
claim, of - fer Je - sus' bod - y giv - en long a - go.
doubt, hold the hem of Je - sus' robe, then let it go.
whole; go and tell my prec - ious peo - ple they are mine.

A hymn for ordination, commitment, and commissioning.

Like a Rock

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Unison
♩ = 60

Like a rock, like a rock, God is un-der our feet. Like the

star-ry night sky God is o-ver our head. Like the

sun on the hor-i-zon God is ev-er be-fore. Like the riv-

er runs to o-cean, our home is in God ev-er-more.

Actions for "Like a Rock":

Like a rock: Extend both forearms upward, palms facing down in one movement.

Like the starry night sky: Wiggle fingers while slowly raising arms to head height.

Like the sun: Extend one forearm, palm up. With palm down, slowly extend the other hand 6" over the first arm,

arching up at the end, so the palm is facing away from the body.

Like the river: Leave the first forearm as before. Other hand makes a "swimming" motion close to it, by weaving it gently in handshake position.

Evermore: End with "God's hug" – crossing arms over chest, hands to shoulders.

♩ = 116 D Em⁷ Bm Gadd²

Refrain D G Em⁷

Grate - ful for the life you give us, thank - ful for your

Asus⁴ A F[#]m G

Ho - ly Son, joy - ful in your Spir - it flow - ing

Em⁷ Asus⁴ A D

o - ver all, O God of Love. Grate - ful for the

G Em⁷ Asus⁴ A

Bread of Heav - en, thank - ful for your Ho - ly Word,

F[#]m G Last time to coda Em⁷ G/A A

joy - ful in your mer - cy flow - ing, we will praise you.