

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Bev Mathew **Upper Lobby** – Heather Drew **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Bevan Jutzen **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Lemonade in the Courtyard** – Worship

Assisting Next Week:

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

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 9, 2026
Sermon - "The Gate of Heaven"



*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 “Two Menuets” By Jean-Jacques Naudot Edited by Louis Moyes
“Song Without Words, Op. 62, No. 25” by Felix Mendelssohn
Edited by Louis Moyes

Guest Flouriest: Terry Ellen Christophersen **Piano:** Michelle Chung

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: God is in the place! Do you feel God’s presence?

Many: Our heads tell us that God is here, but how can we force our hearts to see?

One: We cannot force our heads or hearts to perceive God’s presence, but it is the Holy Spirit who empowers us.

Many: We open our heads and hearts to the power of the Spirit—and we worship.

- **Hymn** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” (page 2 in Blue Chorus Book; accompanied by Rev. Joe on guitar)

Opening Prayer*

Many: God before us, God around us, God beside us, God within us... open our spirits, we pray!

Open our spirits so that we may notice You.

Open our hearts so that we may notice each other.

Open our spirits so that we may truly notice ourselves.

In our noticing, help us to believe.

In our believing, help us to act.

In our acting, help us to love!

By Your grace, in Your love, through the power of the Spirit. Amen!

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 Cathy Hitchcock)

Scripture **Genesis 28:10-22** (read by Cathy Hitchcock)

Sermon “The Gate of Heaven” Rev. Joe

Stewardship Moment

Offertory “Adagio From Flute Quartet, K. 285”

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Edited by Louis Moyes

Guest Flautist: Terry Ellen Christophersen **Piano:** Michelle Chung

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

Prayer of Dedication and for Others

Each phrase ends with the words “God of mystery and wonder,” and worshipers should respond, “Reveal to us Your way.”

- **Hymn VU 238** “O Lord, my God, When I in Awesome Wonder”

Sending Words***

One: Everyone who comes into God’s presence is blessed; God fills us with joy, so that we dance and sing.

Many: Now we go out as blessed people to carry God’s blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.

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

Postlude: “Allegro from Sonata for Flute and Piano”
by Leonardo Vinci. Edited by Louis Moyes

Guest Flautist: Terry Ellen Christophersen **Piano:** Michelle Chung

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 Tues. Aug. 11, 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. Items that are needed are Cookies, cereal, 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!



92

Like a Rock

Unison
♩ = 60

C G/C F/C C

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

F C G

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

Am F C Dm

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

Am G/B C F C/G Gsus⁴ G C Csus⁴ C

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.

$\text{♩} = 116$ 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,

This system contains the first four measures of the song. The vocal melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: 'Bread of Heav - en, thank - ful for your Ho - ly Word,'. The chords are G, Em⁷, Asus⁴, and A.

F#m G Last time to coda Em⁷ G/A A

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

This system contains the next four measures of the song. The vocal melody continues in treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues in grand staff. The lyrics are: 'joy - ful in your mer - cy flow - ing, we will praise you.' The chords are F#m, G, Em⁷, G/A, and A. A double bar line with a diamond symbol (coda) is placed after the G chord.