

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Tony Tadros **Upper Lobby** – Bev Mathew **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – John Sparrow **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Communion** – Doug / Cathy +1 **Coffee** – Finance

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Laura Mara **Upper Lobby** – Nanci Anderson **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – Megan Sweetman **Reader** – Leslie Guimond **Coffee** – Worship

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)

Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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Sunday October 4, 2026
Sermon - "Keep It Simple, Christian"



*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 “Herzliebster Jesu(Ah, Holy, Jesus)” by Johann Cruger
Arr. By Roger C. Wilson
“Let Us Break Bread Together” Arr. Lani Smith

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: Amazing is our God,

Many: Creator, Source of Life, Pure Love, Pure Peace.

One: So amazing is the call to be in communion and in community, to be church,

Many: to share bread and cup in communion around the table.

One: Welcome home, welcome back. The Creator is everywhere we are.

Many: And we are here to worship God!

- **Hymn VU 331** *"The Church's One Foundation"* (v. 1-3)

Prayer of Confession**

We come to You this morning, Lord God, confessing the sins of our hearts and our minds, the sins that make for broken fellowship in this family of faith. You have called us to communion within Your church throughout the world, and You command that we live out the grace of forgiveness. You charge us to be perfect and we respond. Some of us strive to be perfect, correct, and true in all we do and express. Some of us work to make others perfect through criticism, judgment, or discipline. Most of us fail to grasp that Your idea of perfection is for us to love one another, live peacefully, be considerate of each other, and be filled with thanks for the life we share in Christ. Forgive us, we pray, when our efforts at perfection directly oppose Your own. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our minds and hearts to You so that we may know, desire, and do Your will. Through Christ we pray.

(a time of silence)

Words of Assurance & Lord's Prayer (also called the "Our Father"; see page 921 in Voices United songbook)

Choir Anthem “To My Precious Lord” Korean hymn by Chung Kwan Park
Time with God’s Children

Prayer of Illumination (offered by Cathy Hitchcock)

Scripture Reading - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 & Matthew 22:34-40
(read by Cathy Hitchcock)

Sermon **“Keep It Simple, Christian”** Rev. Joe

- **Hymn VU 480** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* (v. 1 & 2)

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.

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life. Let's eat together.
(All worshipers eat.)

(All worshipers drink.)

Offertory *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

Offering – All loose cash will go towards benevolent funds

- **Sung Dedication MV 188** *"I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus (Asante sana, Yesu)"* (v. 1 in English and then in Swahili)

• Hymn VU 227 *“For the Fruits of All Creation”*

One: And the blessing of God

who made us in love,
who made us for companionship,
who made us to enhance and strengthen the world,
go with us as we leave this place
into all the places life calls us to be.

Many: We do not go alone. We go, loved and blessed, to be a blessing. Amen.

Benediction in Song MV 185 “Ev’ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving”

Postlude *"All Hail The Power of Jesus's Name" Arr. Victor Labenske*

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service in the auditorium.

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Announcements

Meetings this Week –

Mississauga-Wide Hymn-Sing - Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2-3:30pm, Eden United Church

Wed. Oct. 7 – Choir Practice – 7- 8:30pm, in Sanctuary

Thurs. Oct 8 - Friendship Circle - 1-3:00 pm - Bring your shortbread, in FL

Upcoming Meetings –

Mon. Oct 11 – Thanksgiving Day

Tues. Oct 13 – Church Council – 7-9:00pm, in FL

Wed. Oct. 14 – Choir Practice – 7- 8:30pm, in Sanctuary

Back by popular demand! The **Macgregors Meat Fundraiser** has rolled out, with delivery scheduled for October 28th at 5:30 pm. Information packages have been emailed directly to congregation members. Watch your email for this great opportunity to fill your freezer and begin spreading the word to family, friends and neighbours.



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

Eden is again in need of egg cartons and grocery bags. These can be placed in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Eden Food for Change.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

Sunday October 18, Guest preacher Rev John Tapscott, luncheon to follow

Saturday November 21, Anniversary Celebration Evening, ticket sales begin September 13.

Please see the special Anniversary Tidings for details of all events.

Seeking photos to celebrate our anniversaries: The decorations team for the anniversary celebration evening on Nov. 21 is seeking photos of special occasions in our church community from 1876 to 2026. Please share the approximate date of the photo, too. You can send digital versions of the photos to Kacie Hopkins at [" "](#) or share physical photos with Heather in the office. Deadline is Oct. 20. Let's celebrate the ongoing blessings of our church community!

Back by popular demand! **Purdys Chocolatier Fundraiser** will roll out in October. Once we have more details information packages will be emailed directly to congregation members. Watch your email for this great opportunity to begin spreading the word to family, friends and neighbours.



The Harvest of Crafts sale is back again for another year of your favourite items. As a popular area is the Country Kitchen this is to remind those of you who enjoy jamming and preserving that we welcome your donations to our kitchen in support of the UCW and the various missions that this sale allows us to support. Please connect with Sandy Hayashi, [905-569-9966](tel:905-569-9966), to deliver your donations to her, that she can decorate and label all jars.

185 Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

$\text{♩} = 60$

E B A E B

Ev - 'ry day is a day of thanks-giv-ing. God, you've been so

good to me. Ev - 'ry day you're bles-sing me.

You know that

E B A E

Ev - 'ry day is a day of thanks-giv-ing. I will glo-ri-

G[#]m⁷ C[#]m⁷ F[#]m⁷ A/E E A E

fy you, O my Lord*, to - day! (day!) You keep

Glo-ri-fy you, Lord*,

D/A A D/A A F[#]m/E E

bles-sing me, bles-sing me, bles - sing me. You

B B⁷ A/E E

o-pened the door that I might see, you're bles-sing me.

E⁷ D/A A D/A A F[#]m/E E

And you keep bles-sing me, bles-sing me, bles-sing me. I will glo-ri-

G[#]m⁷ C[#]m⁷ F[#]m⁷ A/E E

fy you, O my Lord*, to - day!

Glo - ri - fy you, Lord*,

* alternative: "O my God"

I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

(Asante sana Yesu)

♩ = 88

F B $\flat$

Swahili: 1 A - san - te sa - na Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na
 2 Si i - shi bi - la we - we, si i - shi bi - la
 3 Ni - na - ku - pen - da Ye - su, ni - na - ku - pen - da

English: 1 I thank you, thank you, Je - sus, I thank you, thank you,
 2 I can't live with - out you, yes, I can't live with -
 3 I love you, love you, Je - sus, I love you, love you,

F F C Dm 7 /C

Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na Ye - su mo - yo - ni.
 we - we, si i - shi bi - la we - we mo - yo - ni.
 Ye - su, ni - na - ku - pen - da Ye - su mo - yo - ni.
 Je - sus, I thank you, thank you, Je - sus, in my heart.
 out you, I can't live with - out you in my heart.
 Je - sus, I love you, love you, Je - sus, in my heart.

C F B $\flat$

A - san - te sa - na Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na
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 I thank you, thank you, Je - sus, I thank you, thank you,
 I can't live with - out you, yes, I can't live with -
 I love you, love you, Je - sus, I love you, love you,

F F C 7 F

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 Ye - su, ni - na - ku - pen - da Ye - su mo - yo - ni.
 Je - sus, I thank you, thank you, Je - sus, in my heart.
 out you, I can't live with - out you in my heart.
 Je - sus, I love you, love you, Je - sus, in my heart.

A traditional song from East Africa, Harmonies for this song are best improvised – the written harmonies are only a guideline. **Swahili pronunciation:**

1. Ah-sahn-tay sah-nah Yeh-soo moh-yoh-nee.

2. See ee-shee bee-lah way-way moh-yoh-nee.

3. Nee-nah-koo-pehn-dah Yeh-soo moh-yoh-nee.