

Welcome to Sunday Worship at
St. Stephen's on-the-Hill United Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 14th, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

A warm welcome is extended to all. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, God gives us this space as a gift.

Our gathered presence enriches us and this time of worship.

As a community of faith, we seek to discern what God is asking us in regard to: personal support and encouragement; Christian education; enhancement of family life; the alleviation of poverty; to identify, prioritize and respond in a caring way to the needs of people in our congregation and beyond; and contributing to the improvement of quality of life in its varied manifestations.

Our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith and a loving community.

Please note: Sections preceded by a “•” are times when those who are able may stand.

We Gather as God's People

The organ chimes call us to prayer and meditation.

Prelude

- **Processional Hymn:** “The Church is Wherever God's People” 579
(The Processional Hymn begins unannounced. All are invited to stand and sing.)

Welcome and Announcements

- **Hymn:** “As a Fire Is Meant For Burning” 578

- **Call to Worship:**

One: God is here in this place, calling all God's children to worship with their whole lives.

All: We come, bringing our faith made alive through works of love and mercy and liberation.

One: Come, trusting that God will always respond to our needs.

All: We come in trust and joy and faith and deeds.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (said together)

O God, we come this morning seeking your presence.

Fill us with the knowledge of your work within us and within the world.

Help us remember that you are with us no matter what,

that you are our Saviour, a very present help in times of trouble.

May we claim our good name through our faith and deeds.

May we be blessed for showing your love to the last and the least.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 28: 18 – 20 p. 34 N.T.

Matthew 22: 34 – 40 p. 25 N.T.

Acts 6: 1 -6 pp. 123 – 124

read by Flo Williams

Chancel Choir: “Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace”

- D. Lantz

Word for Today: “I Love My Church – Vision”

Why I Love and Support St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill

Keith Noltie

We Respond in Faith

Offering Invitation

The Offering

We of St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill are committed to the life and work of the church. Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing time and talent, and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways we give.

- **Response:** “Now Thank We All Our God” 236 verses 1 & 3
Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Celebrating The Lord’s Supper

Communion Liturgy

- **Closing Hymn:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” 481
- **Invitation to Fellowship**
- **Sending Forth & Blessing**
- **Choral Blessing:**
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

Organ Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS, Week of October 14th, 2018.

Sunday, October 14th, is the 21st Sunday after Pentecost in the liturgical year. The Revised Common Lectionary readings for this Sunday are: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

Upcoming Services

Four Week Series on “I Love My Church”

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| October 14 | 1. St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill’s Mission and Vision
Congregational Meeting |
| October 21 | 2. The Importance of Worship in Your Church
Communion |
| October 28 | 3. The Importance of Active Involvement and Service in Your Church |
| November 4 | 4. The Need for Financial Support To Carry Out The Mission and Vision of Your Church |



Why Do You Love Your Church?

The theme for the next 4 Sunday Services is, “I Love My Church” – we want to hear from you! Whether you chose to speak during service or submit your musings in writing to the church office (including your name, or anonymously) – we would love to hear why you choose to call St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill your church home. Each week during the series, time during service will be dedicated to sharing your responses – we look forward to hearing from you!

Congregational Meeting Today

There will be a **Congregational Meeting today after service** for the purpose of approving the Call of a new Minister for St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill United Church.

SSOTH Presents A Retelling of the Charles Dicken’s Classic “A Christmas Carol” With CBC’s Tom Harrington

Save the Date! – Sunday, November 25, 7:00 pm.

In celebration of the season and the 60th anniversary of our church, you are invited to enjoy an evening of spoken word and music with a retelling of Charles Dicken’s classic, “A Christmas Carol”. The event features CBC personality Tom Harrington, and members of our congregation.

Admission is free. Suggested donation is \$10 per person with proceeds going to The Compass Food Bank (thecompass.ca). For more information please contact the church office.

Fidelios Meeting

There will be a Fidelios meeting on Thursday, October 18th, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Progressive Dinner

Saturday October 27th, please make a note of this date in your calendar. This is the final 60th Anniversary Celebration and all are invited to attend.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex or call the church office to add your name.

UCC Emergency Appeal - Asia Pacific Regions

As we have all seen in the news, parts of Asia have recently suffered terrible natural disasters – typhoons, earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. The United Church, working with our partner churches in the ACT Alliance, has been very active assisting in recovery. Medical teams have been sent to treat the injured, damage assessment teams, food, shelter, and agricultural support to replant crops. They are concentrating their resources to reach the most remote and underserved communities. United Church donations will support this critical work.

Please include the people of the Asia Pacific Region in your prayers as they face the long and difficult journey from emergency response to reconstruction and recovery.

Please go to: <https://www.united-church.ca/typhoons-earthquakes-and-tsunami-asia-pacific-region> to read more and to donate. (A clickable link is available in the St. Stephen's web site.)

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes have started. The classes are held Thursday evenings, at 6:45pm, in the Sandy Grant Room. Three young people, 12 and older have registered. If you know someone who is interested, please speak to Reverend Dale.

Volunteers Required for Church Communications

Communicating with you, the members of our church, is our number one priority. We are looking for volunteers to help revamp the St. Stephens on-the-Hill website, communication brochures and newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has helped with these tasks until now. Please contact Karen Penseny or the church office if you are interested in assisting with this project. Thank you.

SSOTH Sew n Sews “Twiddle Muffs”

Our knitted/crocheted “Twiddle Muffs” provide comfort and activity for those with Autism, Dementia or Alzheimer’s. (Have a look at the display case in the Narthex).

The “Muffs”: keep hands warm, keep their hands occupied, provide tactile and sensory stimulation, promotes increased hand flexibility and brain stimulation, also reduces anxiety.

Honduras Medical Mission

Leslie Bentley is returning to Honduras for her 13th mission on November 3rd. This annual 2-week clinic provides medical, dental and optical care & health education for some of the poorest of the poor. Extra donations allow Leslie to help sponsor special needs that are identified during the course of the mission.

Cash/Cheque donations can be added to your weekly offering envelope or left at the church office. Please indicate clearly that it is a donation to “Honduras 2018”. Thank you!

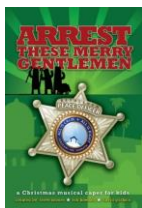
Thanksgiving Offering

A big thank you to those who contributed to this year's Thanksgiving Offering – this offering will go to The Compass Food Bank to help to fill their shelves.

Snowflakes on-the-Hill Craft Fair Update: 15 vendors are confirmed. The most recent vendor is Helen Rees who makes knitted Baby Sweaters and Girls Nightgowns. Craft Show is Saturday November 24. Make a note on your calendar! Craft Fair announcements can be found in the Narthex – please share with friends and family!

Play “Name That Tune”

Hymn and anthem requests are always welcomed by the worship committee and the choir. Please let us know your favorite “tunes” and we will do our best to include them in a worship service, sometime soon. All of the hymns and anthems are selected to support service on that specific Sunday. All of the incidental piano and organ music “prelude, offertory, postlude, etc.”, come to our amazing music director Sunju Koh, by divine inspiration. You can play “Name That Tune” along with the choir, every Sunday morning.



ARREST THESE MERRY GENTLEMEN:

A Christ Church Children's Christmas Musical

Sergeant Joe Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET! When word reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, he is determined to get to the bottom of this case!

Of course, what he discovers is no simple “disturbing the peace” beef. It seems he’s stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm (Beginning October 10th)

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday December 1, 9:30am-12noon

Final Performance: Sunday December 2nd, 6:00pm (following Advent potluck @4:30pm)

Registration forms available at the church or on our website. For more information contact Mark Chown, Youth and Families Minister at Christ Church United, 1700 Mazo Cres, Mississauga. www.christchurch-ucc.com.

Office Hours for Rev. Dale

Please note that Rev. Dale’s office hours will be as follows:

Tuesday – 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm, Wednesday – 10:00 am – 1:30 pm, Thursday 10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Next Sunday, October 21st, Our Volunteers on Duty are:

Ushers: Darlene Lepp, Ken & Charmaine Kumar

Counting: Ruth Butler

Welcoming Elder: Flo Williams

New or Visiting?

You are welcome here. If you have any questions, please speak to the minister or Elder on Duty. There are welcome pamphlets on the table near the church entrance about the life and work of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill.

Please Stay for Coffee Time Following the Service

Coffee and tea are served from the kitchen after the service. Please stay for a social time of connecting and reconnecting with our neighbours both old and new.

Nursery Care

We welcome parents with infants and young children and invite them to use the nursery located in the back hall. Caregivers are on duty starting at 10:00 am. Children can play in a warm, welcoming environment while parents enjoy worship service.

Kidzone

Each week elementary school-aged children are invited to participate in Kidzone. After gathering in worship, our Staff Associate, Jennifer Auty invites you to come to Kidzone to explore & learn about our faith in a fun, safe and loving environment.

Junior Youth Group

SSOTH offers a program for all Junior High aged youth, as well as special events and activities through the year. Contact Jennifer Auty for details.

Prayer Group and Bible Study

The Prayer Group meets at the Port Credit Residences, 33 Hurontario St. on Tuesday at 10:30am. There is plenty of underground parking. All are welcome.

Have an Announcement for the Weekly Bulletin?

Please have all announcements you wish to have appear in the weekly bulletin submitted to the office in writing by NOON Thursday. Thanks!

No Scents Please!

In consideration of those who are sensitive or allergic to perfumes, it is requested that you refrain from wearing perfumes and/or heavily scented personal care products while attending Sunday Service. Thank you for your understanding!

Stamps for Leprosy

Our used stamps can be put to good use for the Leprosy Mission; the stamps are sold and the proceeds are used to buy medicines for the treatment and cure of leprosy. Please put your stamp donations in the basket marked "stamps" in the kitchen.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Congregational Meeting – Today, after service, Sanctuary.

Hatha Yoga – Tuesday, October 16th, 10:00 am, Common Room.

Prayer Group – Tuesday, October 16th, 10:30 am, Port Credit Residences.

Worship Committee – Tuesday, October 16th, 8:00 pm, Sandy Grant Room.

Aerobics – Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00pm, Common Room.

Fidelios – Thursday, October 18th, 10:00 am, Sanctuary.

Choir Rehearsals – Thursday, October 18th, 6:30 pm Jr/7:15 pm Youth/8 pm Chancel.

Confirmation Class – Thursday, October 18th, 6:45 pm, Sandy Grant Room.

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