

Welcome to the
60th Anniversary Service of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill
First after Pentecost, Sunday, May 27th, 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:** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *(see back of bulletin)*
(The Processional Hymn begins unannounced. All are invited to stand and sing.)

Welcome and Announcements

- **Hymn:** “I Am the Light of the World” 87

Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to God.

All: Whose love is eternal.

One: Who came in Christ, calling us into the church, promising to always be with us.

All: God's love is eternal.

One: Who sustained our parents in the faith and will lead our children into the future.

All: God's love is eternal.

One: In times of celebration, in times of trouble, in times of challenge, in times of comfort, God's loving presence sustains us.

All: Let us worship God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer whose love is eternal.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (said together)

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.

For the Child in All of Us

Recognition of Our Charter Members

- Sandra Blinco

We Listen for God's Word

Chancel Choir: "Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls"

- Z. Stroope

Scripture: Psalm 29: 1-9
John 1: 1-5
John 3: 16-21

read by Rev. Deanna Wilson

Word for Today: "The Light of the World"

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** (tune "Forest Green")

O Christ whose broken cross still stands
in all this world's distress:
help us to live your gift of love,
your justice and your peace.
Receive, O God, our thankful gifts
and call us by Christ's name.
Make us a light to all the world, a resurrection flame.

- **Prayer Over Offering** (said together)

Gracious God, your hand is open to us: from you we have learned to be generous. As we open our hearts and hands to you now, receive these gifts and multiply them, so that they may bless others. May our giving always bring glory to you alone. In Jesus name we ask. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

- **Closing Hymn:** "Let There be Light"

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- **Words of Sending Forth**

- **Blessing**

- **Choral Blessing:**

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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

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus:

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me
(Chorus)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me
(Chorus)

60th Anniversary Guests

In celebration of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill 60th Anniversary, we welcome Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson and Rev. Deanna Wilson to our service this morning. Deanna is reading the Scripture today. She was Minister of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill from 1994-2007. She is married to Paul, who is preaching, and who served as our honorary associate. He is Professor of Homiletics at Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto, where he has many ministerial and doctoral students from around the world. A past president of the Academy of Homiletics, he is the author of many books on preaching including two that won best book of the year awards in 2010. He lectures and preaches widely throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and Canada. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, Week of May 27th, 2018.

Sunday, May 27th is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the liturgical year. The Revised Common Lectionary readings for this Sunday are: Isaiah 6: 1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8: 12-17, John 3: 1-7.

60th Anniversary Choir Concert

Sunday May 27th at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend the 60th Anniversary Choir Concert under the direction of Ms. Sunju Koh, our amazing music director. The doors open at 6:45pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm. We are pleased to have our Peel Music Festival Gold Medal and scholarship winning Junior and Youth Choirs performing, as well as the Chancel Choir. We will also feature a number of brilliant solo performers and the Korean Children's Choir. Our very own Christina Yun, who will begin graduate studies at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music this fall, will also perform.

There are no tickets for sale. This performance will be *priceless*. There are expenses associated with putting on the concert. There will be a free will offering and you are encouraged to generously support the work of the music ministry here at St. Stephen's on-the-Hill. Invite your family and friends to join you for a wonderful evening of music at St. Stephen's on-the-Hill, we look forward to sharing our music with you.

50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Joy and Gerry Sieg on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on May 24, 1968, in Winnipeg Manitoba.

Thank You!!!

Thank you to Flo Williams and members of the Reception Committee for hosting the 60th Anniversary luncheon being held after the service today.

Dr. Bruce McLeod Minister Emeritus

Copies of Dr. Bruce McLeod's Minister Emeritus acceptance remarks can be found at the back of the Sanctuary on the hymnal cupboard.

Senior Men's Luncheon

All retired, semi-retired and interested men are most cordially invited to join us for a light lunch on Tuesday, June 5th at noon in the Sanctuary. Graham Segger will give a brief talk about artist, William Kurelek and his relationship with St. Stephen's on-the-Hill. Cost for lunch is only \$5. RSVP the church office by calling 905-278-9245 or email: ststephens@on.aibn.com.

May 27th is Collection Sunday for The Compass

Please help to fill our baskets. Our greatest needs this month are: diapers, razors, canned stew and chili, orange pekoe tea, canned meat, instant coffee, jam, granola bars. The Outreach Committee will also accept cash donations following the service.

St. Stephen's Summer Sunday Services – Worship Leaders Wanted

Rev. Dale will be away during the summer and as a result we will be looking for leadership for as many as 10 services from July 1 to September 2 inclusive. We are continuing our tradition of volunteer led worship and have leaders in place for July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 12 and September 2.

Leading a worship service is a very rich and rewarding experience. July 1, August 5, August 19 and August 26 are open. Please contact Sandra Blinco or a worship committee member if you (or a group) feel the call to lead one of these Sunday services.

In addition to the worship leader, we also require volunteers to assist with the service - people to welcome, make and serve lemonade, handle the offering, etc. Please let us know if you can help.

We would like to offer as many summer services as we can at SSOTH. However, we do have the option of attending services at Christ Church and First United if we cannot find leaders for every Sunday. Christ Church is holding services in July and First United is holding services in August. We will be preparing a schedule for summer services as soon as we have all the information in place.

Sew n Sews - NEW and CUTE Items!

Have a look at the display case in the Narthex -- top level --> "LITTLE TOPPERS". All hand knitted -- All Toddler size -- we have a Fox, Butterfly, Ladybug, Zebra, Penguin, and Bee. They are cute!

Garage Sale Debrief

A meeting will be held on June 5th, 7:00pm, at the church, to discuss the 2018 garage sale. We would like representation from all departments. Let us know how things went, what could or should be changed, give us your input. The more the merrier!!!



Snowflakes on the Hill 2018

The date is Saturday November 24 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. AND we already have several vendors signed up: *Sue's Chocolates*; *Fitment (wood working)*; *White Rabbit Leggings and Enfleurage Organics*. If you know of anyone who wishes to be a vendor please contact us at ssothsewnsews@gmail.com.

SSOTH Golf Tournament

Please save the date – our annual golf tournament will take place on **Tuesday, May 29th** at the Oakville Executive Golf Club. Tee times will start at 1:00pm followed by dinner at the clubhouse and prize presentations. Non-golfing spouses and friends are encouraged to join us for dinner. The cost for 18 holes of golf and dinner is \$70 including all taxes and gratuities (power carts extra). Dinner for non-golfers is \$20. We will be playing a scramble format, so you don't have to be a good golfer to have a good time. Please contact Tom Leishman (905-274-4423) or Kate Labelle in the church office (905-278-9245) to sign up or to donate prizes.

Help Send Christina Yun to Grad School!

After months of applications and auditions, Christina will be attending the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in fall 2018! To help raise funds to attend her studies, she will be presenting *Lovely* - a fundraising recital, with collaborative pianist, Lorin Shalanko on **Saturday June 23 @ 7:30 PM**, in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$30, which can be bought at the door or online through her fundraiser at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-send-christina-to-grad-school>.

Compass Barbeque

St Stephen's is hosting the Compass Barbeque on Wednesday, June 27th at Trinity-St. Paul's Church, 26 Stavebank Rd, Port Credit. Please volunteer to setup, serve and clean up (6-8 people are needed) or help supply food and drinks for 120. This includes salads (potato salad, coleslaw, tossed salad with dressing, bean, macaroni, Caesar are most popular); 5-6 dozen hot dogs and buns; 120 hamburger buns; tomato, onion and individually wrapped cheese slices; fresh fruit (watermelon is popular), but other fruit is also appreciated: soft drinks for approximately 100, regular and diet pop, fruit juice, water; ice cream or ice cream bars (sandwiches/bars are easiest). Also 2-3 LARGE bags of ice. Please bring the food between 4:30 and 5:00, volunteers prepare from 5:00 to 5:30, barbequing between 5:15 and 5:45, serving between 5:30 and 6:35ish all cleaned up around 7:00. If you are interested in helping out, contact Kate in the church office.

Invitation to Worship at the 43rd General Council

The 43rd General Council is being held on the campus of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), located at 2000 Simcoe St. North, Oshawa, Ontario. You are invited to join visitors from across Canada for worship. **Sunday, July 22**, starting at 10:00am.

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 along with the choir "Name That Tune" every Sunday morning.

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.

Copies of Today's Sermon

Printed copies of today's sermon are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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 is 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!

Lights Out to Conserve Energy

A friendly reminder to please ensure that all lights have been turned off when you are the last to leave the church. Let's work together to conserve energy!

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.

Next Sunday, June 3rd, Our Volunteers on Duty are:

Ushers: Gordon & Cecilia Conlin, we will need 2 additional ushers, if you are able to help, please call the office.

Counting: Darlene Lepp

Welcoming Elder: Cathryn Laws

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Prayer Group – Tuesday, May 29th, 10:30 am, Port Credit Residences.

Hatha Yoga – Tuesday, May 29th, 10:00am, Common Room.

SSOTH Golf Tournament – Tuesday, May 29th, Oakville Executive Golf Course.

Aerobics – Wednesday, May 30th, 7:00pm, Common Room.

Junior Choir BBQ – Thursday, May 31st, 6:00, Sandy Grant Room.

Choir Rehearsals – Thursday, May 31st, 6:30 pm Jr/7:15 pm Youth/8 pm Chancel.

Senior Men's Lunch - Tuesday, June 5th, 12:00pm, Sanctuary.

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