

Welcome to Sunday Worship at  
St. Stephen's on-the-Hill United Church

Fifth after Pentecost, Sunday, June 24th, 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:** “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” 395  
(The Processional Hymn begins unannounced. All are invited to stand and sing.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

- **Hymn:** “This is God's Wondrous World” 296

**Call to Worship**

Left: People of God,

Right: Turn and notice the faces of those,  
we know and love-  
neighbours and friends, family in the Spirit-  
a community of kindred hearts.

Left: People of God,

Right: Turn and notice all the images of God  
assembled here.

In me, in you, in each of us.

God's spirit shines for all to see.

**All: People of God, come. Let us worship together.**

**Pouring of Water**

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (said together)

God, you have welcomed us into this holy place,  
your sanctuary. You have called us here from the  
“busy-ness” of this world to give us a time when we  
can gather and share in the mystery revealed in the  
life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus. May  
this time of gathering renew our faith, so as your  
children, we will go into the world, proclaiming the  
Good News that God is with us.

*Sandy Ferguson*

## **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (...continued)

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 Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

- **Hymn:** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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### **Presentation**

*Karen Pensenev, Chair of Elders*

On behalf of the congregation of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill, I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Keith Hondzio Chong, son of Fiona & Kevin Chong

### **Vows for Baptism**

**Question:** Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Response:** **I do.**

**Question:** Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

**Response:** **I do.**

**Question:** Desiring the freedom of life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

**Response:** **I do, by the grace of God.**

**Question:** Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with your child in the Christian faith?

**Response:** **I do, by the grace of God.**

### **Commitment of Godparents**

*Sophie Hondzio & Kyle Chang*

Will you watch over this child  
and take care that he may learn and live the faith?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **Congregational Commitment**

**Minister:** Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations,  
and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism.

**Question:** Do you, with God's help, pledge to love and support these  
persons as together we seek to faithfully live out the mission  
and ministry of Christ's Church?

**Response:** **We do, by the grace of God.**

### **Lighting of a Candle**

## **Statement of Faith “A New Creed”**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Baptizing, Marking with the Sign of the Cross, Laying On of Hands**

## **Presentation of Candle, Certificate and Book**

## **Blessing**

### We Listen For God's Word

**Scripture:** I John 3: 1 – 18 p.240 N.T.

*read by – Jamie Laws*

**Chancel Choir:** “Down By The Riverside”

*John Rutter*

**Word for Today:** “Children of God”

### 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**

- **Closing Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art”

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- **Closing Prayer**

**• 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 June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Sunday after Pentecost** in the liturgical year. The Revised Common Lectionary readings for this Sunday are: 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, Job 38: 1-11, Psalm 9: 9-20, Psalm 133, 2 Corinthians 6: 1-23, Mark 4: 35-41.

### **Today's Baptism**

Fiona (mother of Kevin) grew up in Lorne Park. St. Stephen's on-the Hill holds many special memories for her. St. Stephen's is where she was confirmed, married and where her first son Kenneth was baptized. Kevin (father of Keith) grew up in Port Credit and was baptized at Saint Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church.

### **Sad News**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long-time member of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill, Bob Ogg. Bob passed away peacefully at home on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob was a lifelong member of the choir and his participation in so much of the life and work of St. Stephen's on-the-Hill will be greatly missed.

Donations in memory of Bob may be made to the Prostate Cancer Canada, to the St. Stephen's on-the-Hill United Church Memorial Fund or to the charity of your choice.

We hold Bob's wife, Mary and their family in our prayers.

### **60th Anniversary "Progressive Dinner"**

Save the date for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Progressive Dinner", Saturday October 27, 2018. A fun social event which begins with group gatherings for appetizers and then "progresses" to SSOTH member houses for small group dinners and then back to SSOTH for dessert and coffee!

### **Compass Barbeque**

St. Stephen's is hosting the Compass Barbeque on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Trinity-St. Paul's Church, 26 Stavebank Rd, Port Credit. Please volunteer to set up, 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, barbecuing between 5:15 and 5:45, serving between 5:30 and 6:35ish all cleaned up around 7:00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Kate in the church office.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Please note that regular office hours will end on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and will resume Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. During the months of July and August, phone messages will be picked up daily, however email will be checked only periodically. If you need to get in touch with the office, please leave a phone message.

## St. Stephen's Summer Sunday Services

Please plan to worship with us this summer. Services will be held at SSOTH for 7 Sundays. There are 3 services to be held at neighbouring churches (alternate locations are noted below).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
July 1	Christ Church United Church, 1700 Mazo Crescent	9am/10:30am
July 8	SSOTH – Rev. MaryAnn Skinner	10:30 am
July 15	Christ Church United Church, 1700 Mazo Crescent	9am/10:30am
July 22	SSOTH – General Council Worship Streamed from Oshawa	10:00 am
July 29	SSOTH – Brendan Cunningham	10:30 am
Aug. 5	First United Church, 151 Lakeshore Road Christ Church United Church - 1700 Mazo Crescent	9am/10:30 am
Aug. 12	SSOTH – Don Macaulay/Sandra Blinco	10:30 am
Aug. 19	SSOTH – Jamie Laws	10:30 am
Aug. 26	SSOTH – Rev. Joyce Kelly	10:30 am
Sept. 2	SSOTH – Rev. Joyce Kelly	10:30 am

## Invitation to Worship at the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council

The 43<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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!

## DVD Player

If any member of the congregation has a spare DVD player that could be donated to the church, it would be very much appreciated. We would like to put one in the lower level.

## Christ Church Band Camp

Monday, July 2 to Friday, July 13, from 9am – 4pm. Christ Church is offering three streams of programming for campers in grades K-8. For more information please contact the office or visit the website, [www.christchurch-ucc.com](http://www.christchurch-ucc.com)

## **Christ Church VBS**

July 30 – August 3, Christ Church will be hosting ‘Rolling River Rampage VBS’, from 9am – 12 noon. To register or find out more contact the church office at 905-822-9834 or [office@christchurch-ucc.com](mailto:office@christchurch-ucc.com).

## **Snowflakes-on-the-Hill 2018**

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 24 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. NEW VENDORS: Liz McNally (photocards); and Peggy Forde (oven mitts, tea cosies, table runners, infinity scarves). If you know of anyone who wishes to be a vendor, please contact us at [ssothsewnsews@gmail.com](mailto:ssothsewnsews@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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 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!

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Hatha Yoga** – Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am, Common Room.

**Aerobics** – Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Common Room.

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