

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

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(\* Those who are able are invited to stand)

We would like to welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. We hope that you will find this service meaningful for you on your faith journey. If you are new to our congregation, please sign our guest book in the entrance to this sanctuary.

Gathering Music

Informal Greeting and Announcements: Murray Cook

Special Announcement: Doug Caldwell

**WE GATHER BEFORE OUR GOD**

**Introit:** "I Want To See My Jesus"

**Call To Worship:**

One: Come to God with hearts that are searching

**All: God's gift is a new answer to the same old questions**

One: Come to God with hearts that are hurting

**All: God's gift is the healing that comes from new hope**

One: Come to God with hearts that are thankful

**All: God's gift is the peace that comes from God's grace**

**Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" #242

**Prayer of Approach:**

**We all arrive here with different expectations and different needs, O God. We all come from different backgrounds and for different reasons. We all come here to find the same things. We are looking for comfort, for hope, for healing and for forgiveness. We don't come to be judged, but to receive your**

**grace. As we worship together today, may your Holy Spirit fill us and inspire us, so that we may live up to the ministry that we**

**were given by Christ to love God, ourselves and our neighbour. In Jesus' name we ask for this blessing. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Lord Speak To Me" #589

**Prayer of Confession:**

**How can you ask us to forgive those who have harmed us, O God? We have been hurt without provocation. We have been swept aside without consideration. We have been ignored and overlooked when we had something to offer. We have depended on others who have let us down. It is impossible to forgive the things that have been done to us. Forgive us for trying to get what we are not prepared to give. And forgive those whom we cannot find enough love to forgive. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Lesson:** Romans 14:1-10 - Debbie Connon

**Second Lesson:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Message:** "Judgement Day"

\*Hymn: "When We Are Living" #581

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Invitation to Share**

\* **Doxology:** All that I am, all that I do,  
All that I ever have, I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour Lord, knowing that to love  
and serve you is enough reward.  
(repeat refrain)

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

Loving God, who has named us stewards of this world, we  
present before you a token of the love that we feel, and the  
thanks that we want to share. Bless what we give, O God, and  
bless those who receive as well as those who give. In Jesus'  
name. Amen

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "In Christ there Is No East Or West " #606

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Words to Love By:**

One: This world is a broken and hurting place much of the time

**All: What the world needs most of all is someone to love it**

One: The work of God is the transformation of the world

**All: The work of Christians is to love and not count the cost; to  
give and not count the change, to forgive and not count the  
times**

One: Go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit which can not  
only transform the world, but can also transform you

**All: Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God**

**\*The Blessing**

**\*Choral Amen:** #431

**Musical Postlude**



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***Our Mission is:***

***To be a community of faith serving God  
as exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ***

**Sunday, September 14, 2008 10:00 a.m.**

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## OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

**COUPLES' WORKSHOP:** NOVEMBER 14-16, 2008 at the Sandalwood Inn, Toronto. A fall workshop for all couples living in committed relationships is again being sponsored by United in Marriage (UiM). This workshop offers couples intentional time to work together to develop skills which are key to a strong, life-giving relationship between two life partners. For more information check our website at [www.unitedinmarriage.org](http://www.unitedinmarriage.org) or phone 519-243-4007.

**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER:** Will be hosting another great bus tour! On Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, they will be going to the Stratford Festival to see "Hamlet", and then for dinner at "Demetre's Restaurant. Please check the poster in the Atrium for more information, or call Molly Boden at 905-662-8814.

**KAIROS:** presents "The Geography of Hope" on Fri, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Keynote speaker will be Chris Turner, admission is \$15, at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, 437 Wilson St, Ancaster. (Poster in Atrium)

**SELF ESTEEM NETWORK:** "Communicate With Confidence" classes at Stoney Creek United Church will be held on Wednesdays from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Course fee is \$30. Please register by September 18<sup>th</sup>; forms are available in the Atrium or at the Church Office.

**TAI CHI:** Ongoing classes will continue at 9:15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginners may come to check out a free class, or register: Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30pm class  
Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15am class  
Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15am class  
Please contact the Tai Chi Society at 905-383-6347, or see the posting in the Atrium for more information.

**Security Alert:** All persons using the church are responsible for having the doors locked when you are not in the vicinity. Please do not go to another part of the church and leave the door(s) unlocked. Have one member stay at the door until everyone is in and then lock the door. When leaving the church after a meeting, please pull on the doors and make sure they are locked. Please let the office know if there are any problems. Thanks

**Booking Forms:** Please remember to complete a booking form each time you need space for a meeting or activity. Please check the booking board found located across from the office prior to completing the forms. If you notice a conflict please contact Colleen. Thanks.

## COMING SOON AT SCUC

Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: "Ministry to Others" team meetings  
Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm: Blood Donor clinic  
Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm: Busy Fingers Mission Group's guest speaker in the Fireside Room  
Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm: Teen Dance in C.E. Auditorium  
Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Open Doors Gathering in C.E. Auditorium

**Members of the Council, Stewardship Team, Chapel Restoration Team, Trustees, and Building & Grounds team are invited to participate in a follow-up meeting regarding the building inspector's report on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the Fireside Room.**

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

**BUSY FINGERS MISSION GROUP:** We have acquired *hundreds* of milk bags over the summer! If you would like to become involved in the Milk Bag Mats for Haiti Project, please feel free to join us. On Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room, we are hosting a guest speaker on the Mission work in Haiti. John and Marilyn Mills, of the North-West Haiti Christian Mission, CANADA have made many trips to Haiti. Marilyn will speak for approximately 15 minutes, followed by a question and answer period. Please let Ruth Tschanz know if you plan to attend. A plate will be at the door at the close of the event to receive any donation you wish to make to help ship medical supplies to Haiti. They are a Registered Canadian Charity.

**CD PENNY BOWL:** Donations of pennies can be brought to the Fireside room.

**OUTREACH:** We have placed bins in the Atrium for you to recycle your used batteries, empty printer cartridges, and used compact-fluorescent light bulbs.

**PASTORAL CARE: Worldwide Communion Sunday will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you know of anyone who would like Communion in their home, please notify Sue McCarthy at 662-2133, or Colleen in the office.

**2008 FOOD DRIVE:** Look for our refurbished food collection and Teen Clean boxes in the atrium. The refurbishing was done by the summer Youth Time children. All donations are gratefully accepted. Our goal is 4,000 items. To date 2100 items have been collected.

**UCW:** Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Local St. Joe's Dialysis Christmas boxes, is asked to contact Janet Cumming at 573-7695. Wool can be provided for hats, mitts, scarves, gloves, and afghans.

**WELCOME MINISTRY:** we are about to launch the welcome desk and welcome ministry. We will need individuals of all ages to greet visitors and newcomers each Sunday, as well as people to keep the desk stocked with information packages which will need to be updated on a regular basis. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Deborah Cook at 662-1870 or Colleen at the office. Thank You

**YOUTH TIME:** The CD Team is working on a Native Life and Spirituality Theme for the fall. Some activities will include making a dream catcher with Paula Lalonde, making "Three Sisters Soup", making a corn-husk doll, beading, researching a North American animal or insect on the computer. We need help to guide the children through these activities. Please contact Pat Cudmore at 905-662 6240 if you are available to help.



### We are doing a photo directory!

The dates are Saturday Oct. 4, and Monday Oct. 6th to Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, please mark them on your calendar now. You will only need one appointment, as pictures will be available immediately. Each family whose picture is taken will receive a free directory! You will be able to sign up during Coffee Hour, or online at our web site under the "You ought to be in pictures" paragraph.

**Please let other members of the congregation know about this and encourage their participation.**



*Please return the container of paperclips to the Volunteer Office. If you require supplies, please take only what you need. If you require a large quantity, notify the Secretary.*