

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008**

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

The music printed in our bulletin each week is done under License #C15801 of the LicenSing Copyright Cleared Music for Churches.

(\* 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: Chris Davies

Special Announcement:

Hymn Sing (lyrics are on the white half page)

### **WE GATHER BEFORE OUR GOD**

**Introit:** "And The Father Will Dance"

#### **Call To Worship:**

One: Come into this sanctuary with love in your heart

**All: Come into God's home with a song on your lips**

One: Come in and be part of the whole people of God

**All: Come in and let God lift your burdens and fears**

One: Come in and open yourself to God's Spirit

**All: Come in and find the joy of God's peace**

#### **Prayer of Approach:**

**God who makes all things beautiful in their time, we ask you to be present with us in this time and place. We need to hear the comforting words of the scriptures once again, and we need to be challenged to grow in our faith. We want to sing the familiar songs, but we also want to learn a new love song of faith. We want to pray, and laugh, and reminisce, and celebrate, but we**

**also want this time to make a difference in our lives, so we can make a difference in other people's lives. In short, O God, grant us your Spirit for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #315

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

**We know the difference between right and wrong in most cases, O God, but we don't always know where to draw the lines between what is ours, and what is yours. We blame you when bad things happen to us, and we take the credit when good things happen. We expect others to live up to the standards of compassion that Jesus set, but we allow ourselves to fall short of the glory of God. When others owe us, we can be relentless in pursuing them, but when we owe others, we can be relentless at avoiding them. We expect your full forgiveness, but forgiving others is less than expected. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Lesson:** Exodus 33:12-23 - Donna DeGrow

**Second Lesson:** Matthew 22:15-22

**\*Hymn:** "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" #271

**Message:** "Giving To Caesar"

**\*Hymn:** "All Praise To You" #297

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Invitation to Share**

**Doxology:**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**Jesus said to give to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's. These gifts are the things of Caesar and we give them so others might have enough. We give you, O God, our trust, our love, and our faith, for we know that we have received all these things from you Bless what we give for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God" #236

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Words to Love By:**

One: The things we have received from God, we take into the world

**All: Here is our love; our compassion; and our hope**

One: God feeds us on the promises made to us in Jesus Christ

**All: God clothes us in forgiveness, and dresses us in the armour of faith**

One: God shelters us in loving arms from the worst that life can bring

**All: God walks and talks and laughs and cries with us.**

**God is with us and we are with God.**

**\*The Blessing**

**\*Choral Amen:** #431

**Musical Postlude**



**STONEY CREEK UNITED CHURCH**

1 King Street West, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1G7

Phone: 905-662-4963; Fax: 905-662-0761

E-mail: [scuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:scuc@bellnet.ca)

[www.stoneycreekunitedchurch.org](http://www.stoneycreekunitedchurch.org)

***Our Mission is:***

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

**Sunday, October 19, 2008 10:00 a.m.**

Minister: Rev. Bob Nightingale ext. 223

Bob's e-mail: [revbob\\_n@live.ca](mailto:revbob_n@live.ca)

Staff Associate: Colleen Cavanaugh ext. 224

Receptionist / Secretary: Beth Corrigan ext. 221

Director of Music: Christabel Pinto-Johnson ext. 229

Custodian: Dan Marsden ext. 226

Hospitality Plus: Jeanne Willis ext. 303

Upstairs Kitchen: ext. 225

**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 12:30 pm**

**JOINT MEETING:** The monthly joint meeting of the CD and Worship teams will be held immediately after Church today in the Fireside Room. Please get a coffee and join us. Budgets for 2009 will be on the agenda.

**THANKS:** To Linda and Kelsey Davies, Penny and Peter Joshua, Deborah and Murray and Daniel Cook, for serving communion on World Wide Communion Sunday. Also special thanks to John Barry who generously offered to prepare the communion elements even though he has retired from this position. Both his generosity of heart and dedication are appreciated.

**BUILDING SECURITY:** *everyone is reminded of the need for building security. When your group is using the building it is important that the doors are NOT left unlocked and no one supervising who is coming in and out. Please ensure that when your group is meeting that someone remains at the door until all members are in and then LOCK the door.*

**BOOKING FORMS:** *a reminder that booking forms are required for all meetings or events. Please CHECK the booking board located across from the offices prior to booking events. If there is a need to negotiate time and space please contact Colleen at extension 224.*

### **COMING SOON AT SCUC**

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm: Ministry to Others Team meetings  
 Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm: Unit B at Pat Taylor's home.  
 Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm: Brother Lawrence's Kitchen  
 Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm: Teen Dance in Auditorium  
 Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am: Self Esteem Network's "Anger Is a Choice" seminar in Fireside Room.  
 Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Open Doors Gathering in Auditorium  
 Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm: Brother Lawrence's Kitchen  
 Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm: Roast Pork Dinner  
 Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am: UCW Executive meeting  
 Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am: Self Esteem Network's "Humour Skills and Positive Self-Esteem" seminar in Fireside Room.

## **CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

**BROTHER LAWRENCE'S KITCHEN:** To register, please call ext. 228.

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

**CHOIR: We will be presenting "Your Old Favourites" each week.**

Please know that the choir will find the words and music, print them for a sing-along prior to a Sunday Service. We request that you make a donation to our "Choir Gown Fund". Please print the title of your favourite hymn on a piece of paper and give it to any choir member after the service. We are limited to present three per service.

**CPR:** is hosting the "Last (Fund raising) Supper" on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm in the C.E. Auditorium. Our menu is sure to please as we are trying something a little different! Juice-Stuffed Roast Pork with Applesauce – Mashed potatoes and "Church" made gravy – Peas and Carrots – Napa Cabbage Salad – Rolls and Butter – assorted "Church" made pies – Coffee and Tea. Tickets will be available on Sunday after the service; \$15 (adult), \$7.50 (Children 5-12 years) and Children 4 and under are free.

**HOSPITALITY PLUS:** The John Sands concert is on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It looks like it will be one of his most entertaining evenings ever, as he will have two Yamaha organs on stage! Bring your friends, families and neighbours, then join us afterwards for a reception with door prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 at Coffee Hour.

**MEDICAL MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL:** have two more work parties at 455 Barton Street, Stoney Creek in 2008: Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There are none in December and January 2009. Please contact Janet Cumming at 573-7695 if interested. Thank You.

**NOMINATIONS:** The Nominations team is now looking for a new Treasurer. **Do you know anyone who might be interested and qualified? Is it you?** Please speak with Colleen Cavanaugh.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.

**2008 FOOD DRIVE:** All donations are gratefully accepted. Our goal is 4,000 items. To date 2865 items have been collected.

**UCW: HELP WANTED!** In preparation for the UCW Cookie Walk on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>...Cookie making starts at 9:30am on the following Mondays: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you care to make a cookie donation, please sign the flip chart in the Atrium. The UCW would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping in any way you can, so that we will have another successful "sweet" event.

**UCW KNITTERS:** Deadline date for Dialysis contributions of hats, mitts, scarves, and afghans is Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please leave donations in the U.C.W. Room or contact Janet Cumming at 573-7695. Thank You.

**UNIT B:** will be meeting on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at Pat Taylor's home.

**YOUTH TIME:** Please contact Pat Cudmore at 905-662 6240 if you are available to help with our Sunday programming for the children.



**Our new photo directory offers a rare opportunity to advertise your business in a source that is continually referred to by our over 350 members and is given to new families in the area just joining our congregation.**

Ad Space	Donation
Business Card	\$125.00 (less than \$25.00/year!)
Half Page	\$500.00 (less than \$100.00/year!)
Full Page	\$1000.00 (less than \$200.00/year)

**Contact us at 905-662-4963 ext. 224 to arrange for your business to become part of over 215 years of community faith and service.**

**OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY:** is offering a free public lecture on Advance Care planning called "Life on Your Own Terms" on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, 44 Frid Street (Spectator Auditorium). RSVP to Marilyn at 905-529-7030.

**BEREAVEMENT NETWORK OF HAMILTON AND BURLINGTON:** is promoting a series of events for November (Annual Bereavement Month). Please see the poster in the Atrium for a full listing of these citywide events.

**FIFTY UNITED CHURCH:** On Tuesday, Oct 21, at 7:00 pm Fifty United Church and Environment Hamilton invite you to a public showing of "A Crude Awakening" at Fifty Church, Winona (on Hwy 8, 1/2 km east of Fifty Road). The film, Environment Hamilton's follow-up to "An Inconvenient Truth," explores the subject of Peak Oil – explaining what it is, how it relates to climate change, and the implications for society, the environment and the economy. Someone from Environment Hamilton will be present to introduce the film, and then answer questions and offer resources after the film. The subject is timely. The concern is holy. We hope you will join us in exploring this issue of creation stewardship, mission, and faithfulness to God.

**HAMILTON COUNCIL ON AGING:** will be holding its first Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm in the United Steelworkers Centre, 1031 Barton St E, Hamilton. RSVP to 905-777-3837 ext. 12238. See poster on the bulletin board in the Atrium for more information.

**NEIGHBOUR TO NEIGHBOUR CENTRE:** will accept donations of clean grocery bags for their food bank. Please drop off between 9am and 3:30pm Monday to Thursday at 28 Athens Street, Hamilton.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES:** a Fair Trade craft sale will be held at Trinity United Church, 100 Main Street West, Grimsby on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (10am to 8pm) and Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> (9am to 4pm).