

SUNDAY, May 25, 2008
YOUTH TIME GRADUATION SUNDAY
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: - Andrea Topic

WE GATHER BEFORE OUR GOD

SOL CAFÉ BAND and YOUTH CHOIR: - Big Hard Sun

Call To Worship:

One: Just like Noah, we are people of faith and determination

All: Let's respond to God with trust and hope

One: Just like Joseph, we are people who believe in forgiveness

All: Let's stand up for, and hold on to, the things we believe in

One: Just like Jonah, we are sometimes asked to overcome our fears

All: Let's do what is right, and give God the credit

One: Just like David, we all have obstacles to overcome

All: Let's dare to do our best, knowing that God is with us

Prayer of Approach:

**You have always been willing to help the people you have called
to do your work, God. Help us now to give thanks for what you
have done for us, and have given us. As we sing and pray, as
we listen to scripture and greet our friends, and as we learn
about your love, guide us with your Spirit, and show us how to**

**grow in faith. Jesus told us to ask for what we need, so we ask
for this in his name. Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Come In, Come In And Sit Down"

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Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Introduction

Words of Institution:

When Jesus was ready to start his ministry

He came to the waters of the Jordan for baptism

When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well

He told her he was the source of living water

When we wish to celebrate the gift of a child

We bring the child to God's house and baptize them with water

When the child is ready to take on the responsibilities of faith

They will return and accept the living water of Christ

See the water flow and watch the child grow

Where there is water, there is life

Where there is life, there is always God

May God be with us today and with these parents and this child always.

Promises of the Parents

Promise of the Congregation:

Do you, the congregation of Stoney Creek United Church, receive this
child and promise to help in the Christian development of all the children
under your care?

We do, God being our helper.

Baptism and Presentation

Post-Baptismal Prayer:

God of our parents and our children, with joy we praise you, we thank you, we honour you. For your love which has made us and supports us, we praise you. For your gift of life embodied in this child, we thank you. For the sacrament by which they are welcomed into your family, we honour you. May your spirit be upon this child, and these parents, all the days of their lives. May we all hold fast to your love, and be blessed by your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Prayer of Confession:

Getting older does not always mean getting wiser, God. Getting wiser depends on whether we are willing to learn; whether we are willing to try new things; whether we are willing to take the risk of not always having the easy answer. Most of all, getting wiser means opening ourselves up to you. Sometimes we think that we have all the answers we need, but that just means that we are not asking the right questions. Forgive us for being a little slow at learning what is important, and a little slow at making those important things part of our life. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

YOUTH TIME GRADUATION: Rob Blunsdon and Carol McNair

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7 - Krysta Slattery

SOL CAFÉ BAND and YOUTH CHOIR: "I Need To Wake Up"

Second Lesson: Luke 2:40-52 - Mike Bell

***Hymn:** "It Only Takes A Spark"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Share: - Rob Blunsdon

SOL CAFÉ BAND and YOUTH CHOIR: "Above All"

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

***Prayer of Dedication:**

When we think of all we have, we are thankful. When we think of what other people don't have, we are sad. When we give some of what we have for the good of others, it makes us happy. We hope that what we give will help others to see that God is good. In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayers of the People**Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn:** "This Is The Day" (sung to tune of # 412)

1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

2 This is the house, this is the house
 that our God has made, that our God has made;
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the house that our God has made,
 we will rejoice, and be glad in it.
 This is the house, this is the house
 that our God has made.

3 These are our friends, these are our friends
 that our God has made, that our God has made
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
 and be glad in them, and be glad in them.
 These are our friends that our God has made,
 we will rejoice, and be glad in it.
 These are our friends, these are our friends
 that our God has made.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Words to Love By:**

One: If we don't reach out to each other and the world, who will?

All: The world is waiting for the good news that God cares

One: If we don't feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, who will?

All: The world is waiting for the good news that God is love?

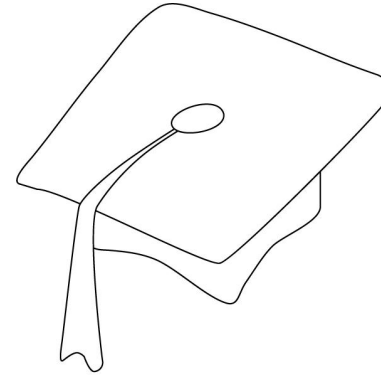
One: If we don't live lives of faith, who will?

All: In our hands and hearts is the chance to change the world

***The Blessing**

Musical Postlude: -SOL CAFÉ BAND and YOUTH CHOIR

"I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"



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Our Mission is:

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

Sunday, May 25, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Youth Time Sunday

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DOMENIC AGOSTINO RIVERDALE COMMUNITY

CENTRE: Adults and Seniors are cordially invited to a **Strawberry Social** on Tuesday, June 10th from 11:30am-1:30pm. Cost is a non-perishable food item. Please pre-register at 546-2424, ext. 4284, or drop by 150 Violet Dr.

KNOWLEDGE TREE: Classes are in the Fireside Room on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:15pm.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION UNDERSTANDING

POVERTY: extends an open invitation to join them in helping to form an understanding of how poverty affects the success of students and community. Come and share ideas, gain information, and work together to influence positive change for students on Thursday, June 12th from 7-9pm (6:30pm Pizza Dinner) at Cathy Wever Public School, 160 Wentworth Street North. Please RSVP to 905-527-5092, ext.2291 or info@hwdsb.on.ca.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY: The annual "Milk and Honey Festival" will be held Monday, June 2nd to Thursday, June 5th. Join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary! A special free concert will be held on Monday, June 2nd, featuring the Music Faculty. For more information, please call 905-648-2139, ext. 4521.

TAI CHI: Classes will be held in the C.E. Auditorium on Mon. at 6:30pm, Tuesdays at 9:00am, and Thursdays at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK AT SCUC

TODAY! Sunday, May 25th at 7:30pm CHOIR CONCERT!
 Thursday, May 29th at 7pm: Choir practice
 Friday, May 30th at 5pm: Wraparound Facilitator training
 Friday, May 30th at 8pm: Teen Dance
 Saturday, May 31st at 8:30am: Wraparound training
 Sunday, June 1st at 6:30pm: Open Doors Gathering

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

ATTENTION BAKERS!!! UCW BAKE SALE on June 7th with the Flag Day Barbecue! Donations of baking from the congregation would be appreciated. This baking can be left in the kitchen on Friday during the day or by 8:30 A.M. Saturday. Our famous meat pies will be on Sale at this time!!!

THE PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: is inviting the congregation to identify and/or refer any of our members who may want or need a friendly visitor. If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit please notify Sue McCarthy at 905-662-2133

THE SENIORS MINISTRY: will be celebrating its first anniversary at the June 13th luncheon at 12 noon. Pot-luck for the main course, followed by a special dessert and the story of Stoney Creek United Church W.R.A.P. is guaranteed to be informative and heart-warming. This luncheon is free, please pre-register as soon as possible indicating your "Pot" of luck, any main course item will do! Call Sue McCarthy at 905-662-2133.

THE STONEY CREEK UNITED CHURCH WOMEN will be hosting their 10th Annual June Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday, June 11th at 12:30pm in the C.E. Auditorium. Tickets are \$13.00 and are on sale at the Coffee Hour.

UCW (continued): The Hamilton Police Choir will provide entertainment. Please contact Audrey Macdonald at 905-664-5495, or drop by the Volunteer Office on Tuesday morning.

WRAPAROUND: We have a client who is in need of a single bed frame. If you are able to donate this item, please contact Colleen at 905-662-4963, ext. 224. Thank you!

YOUTH TIME NEWS: This week “Happy Birthday” wishes go out to **John Webster** who celebrated his “7th” birthday and **Eric Stuebing** who celebrated his “14th” birthday.

Today is an Intergenerational Service and our Annual Youth Time Graduation so all children will be upstairs with their families.

Rob’s World starts on June 1 and will continue through until August 31.

Today is the last day the youth will be selling their yummy baked goods during the coffee hour. All proceeds go to the “Case for Kids” walk on June 1, at Bayfront Park. This walk is open to everyone so please come out and join the youth or feel free to sponsor them as a group. Limited edition T-shirts are still available with a \$100.00 donation. Please note that all sponsor sheets and money must be submitted today. Thank you!

Please remember that the Nursery has been moved to Room 2 and the Mighty-Mites have been moved to Room 3.

“**Sunday Sacks**” are still available. Please see Carol McNair.

Ongoing projects and events that our youth are involved in:

- **SOL CAFÉ FOR TEENS** – every Sunday from 9-10am in the Chapel. Jam session with Rob and Tony. Come and play or learn to play an instrument.

- **JUNIOR CHOIR** – every Sunday after church in the Chapel.
- **2008 FOOD DRIVE** – Collection of non-perishable food items. The 2008 goal is 4,000 items. To date 1576 items have been collected.
- **OPERATION CLEAN TEEN** – Donations of toiletries are given to underprivileged or homeless teens attending school within the H.W.D.S.B.
- **YOUTH TIME PENNY DRIVE** – Pennies are collected and donated to the Annual “Case for Kids” walkathon sponsored by Wesley Urban Ministries. This year’s walk is on June 1 after church, at Bayfront Park. Hope to see you there!
- **YOUTH TIME REGISTRATION** – every child in Youth Time must be registered. Please see Carol for the forms.
- **KIDS KORNER** – send in your child’s or grandchild’s *Awesome Achievements* so we can share them with the congregation. Please contact Carol with your submissions.
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We thank the congregation in advance for your continued support of our many projects and events in the upcoming year.

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GOLF CLASSIC: with celebrity guests Wendel Clark and Pete Mahovolich, will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at Heron Point Golf Links. Proceeds from this tournament will go directly to BBBS of Hamilton-Burlington’s mentoring programs to keep at-risk youth in school, out of trouble and off of drugs. Please call Bob at 905-525-3860, ext. 308 to register.