

March 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

### **Worshipping Together: The Next Phase**

The Ontario Government has announced that as of Monday this past week, masks are no longer legally required for church gatherings. Sunnyside will no longer require that masks be worn in the building or during services. Although masks are no longer mandated, we ask that you consider how to love and submit to each other, and to recognize the body of Christ in your decisions about mask wearing at church. [Rick gave a great message this past Sunday](#) on our need to love one another. This is an opportunity to put this into practice: to respect each other, believing the best about one another while showing love and support in the journey we are on. May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ be evident in our community, and especially in our deep care for each other.

### **Sunday Worship Gatherings at 9 and 11 AM**

This Sunday in our teaching series on Upper Room Conversations, Matt Bellefeuille will bring us a sermon (all the way from Scotland!) titled, *But Wait! There's More! - The Really Good News of Jesus*. Matt says, "When we get to listen in on Jesus' prayer, as 'the hour has come,' our understanding of the Good News deepens dramatically."

*9:00 or 11:00 Service In-Person Registration:* [Please register here](#) if you are attending the service in-person. If you have registered and then find that you won't be attending, please go to your confirmation email and cancel your booking, or [contact the office](#). Because we are keeping our attendance numbers to 100 per service, this will make space for others.

*11:00 Service Link:* [Join the livestream service here.](#)

When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage.

From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

Here are the songs with lyrics linked:

[I Am Free](#)

[Victory In Jesus](#)

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

[Build My Life](#)

[The Stand](#)

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

[Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

### **Sunday School**

If you have children attending Sunday School (age 4 to Grade 6), please register them twice via the registration link above (for the service upstairs and then for Sunday School downstairs).

### **Courage for the Journey**

On Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m. you are welcome to join in the sanctuary for an evening of music sharing by Heather and Emma Barrett. They will offer a mix of original and faith songs that have been an encouragement to them, and will be a reminder to us of God's faithful presence through it all. Please [register here](#).

### **Sanctuary Renovation Project: Help Needed**

The time is fast approaching for new carpeting and chairs to be installed in our worship space! But your help is needed to prepare the way. On Monday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 5, we will need crews to disassemble and remove pews and pull up carpet and tiles, and a team to help provide refreshments for the crews. [Go to this form](#) to choose the time slot(s) and tasks that suit you best. Please direct questions to [Paul Kronberg](#). (Thank you to all those who've already signed up!)

### **New Missions Directory**

Our 2022 Missions Directory is hot off the press! This booklet will help you get to know all the fabulous missionaries we support, as well as to guide your prayers for them. [Access it here](#) or take a hardcopy from the foyer on Sundays. Thank you to our Missions & Outreach Team, under the leadership of [Melody Bellefeuille-Frost](#), for all their work!

### **Thinking About Prayer, and Praying**

If the past two years, and especially the last two months, have taught us anything, it may be that God is God and we are not. That there are more things than we care to think about that are out of our control. And, hopefully, that even when we feel powerless, we have the power to pray.

Which is not as easy as it seems! I confess to not having known much about John Wesley until Al and I started attending Sunnyside in 2016. Now I am reading a second biography and am deeply moved by his prayer life. "I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it," is a stand-out quote of the [many things he said about praying](#).

On April 9th, we have an opportunity to pray with others in our church community. It's by Zoom and there are 12 hours from which to choose the best one-hour slot, so I can't think of a single reason not to take part. Why not start jotting down a list of concerns and praise items to take into that prayer time? Then, let's pray! ([Contact the office](#) for the link to the Prayer Vigil sign-up.)

As we move from thinking about prayer to praying, I leave you with [a musical version of Psalm 5](#).

Blessings,  
Beth Fleming (for the whole team)