



## **Sunday Services Time Change - Trial Period starts Sunday, September 11**

At our May AGM, a motion was passed to investigate whether adjusting start times would be beneficial and a task force was put together. The Board wishes to express their sincere thanks to the members of the Service Times Review Team (Jeff Weir, Ruth Thoem, Jeremy Cox, Nancianne Chin, Allan Ingram and Marg Torrance) for their thorough work in reviewing start times of other Burlington churches, gathering input from our Sunday morning leaders, exploring a variety of scenarios, collecting congregational feedback through direct contact, information sessions held in the sanctuary and a survey which also outlined the reasoning for looking at this change.

We wish to thank all our Sunday leaders and members of our faith community for providing their feedback on the proposed Sunday service time change on a trial basis. With 125 participants in the survey, there is an overwhelming 84% support for the trial period. After reviewing the detailed findings presented by the Service Times Review Team, the Board has elected to adjust the service times for an 8-week period through September and October, as a trial.

### ***Why make this change?***

This service time change is just a trial and has the intention of being more attractive to families, supporting growth in numbers and engagement of volunteers, and building a healthier and consistently attending faith community. With COVID-19 (hopefully) becoming a manageable part of church life, this is an ideal timeframe to start this trial.

### ***When will this happen?***

**Trial Dates:** Sunday Sept 11 to Sunday Oct 30 (inclusive)  
**New times:** 10:00am Gathering service (instead of 9 am)  
11:30am Traditional service (instead of 11 am)

A survey will be conducted around October 16 to capture feedback from leaders and the congregation to help reassess and consider next steps. You are still invited to offer your comments and thoughts at any time during this trial period by contacting the office ([office@wsquare.ca](mailto:office@wsquare.ca)), the Board ([Boardchair@wsquare.ca](mailto:Boardchair@wsquare.ca)) or one of the Service Times Review Team.

To review the full results of the congregational survey for the proposed trial service time please contact the office. [office@wsquare.ca](mailto:office@wsquare.ca) or 905-634-1849