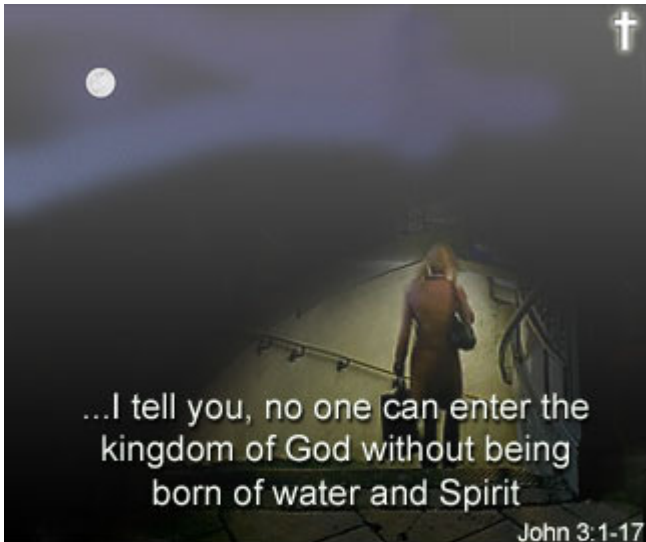


St. James' - Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

Second Sunday in Lent



The step of faith.

Sunday March 20, 2011

10:30am

COMING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol ()

CENTERING PRAYER

During this season of Lent, you are invited to take a few moments to prepare for worship. This prayer is offered as one way you might center your thoughts and heart as you come to worship.

**God of the way, help me to follow your path.
During this season of Lent, teach me to walk the
way of the cross. Hold me in a time of holy
pilgrimage open to the road you open before me. I
pray in the name of Christ, who is the Way. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in A
By C. Callahan

GATHERING MUSIC *Confitemini Domino*

(Come and Fill Our Hearts) MV# 16

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
alleluia! (Sing twice)**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: Jesus is the Light of the World

All: May He shine on us every day.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Blessed Assurance** VU# 337

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare
and to renew our life.

**All: We mark this holy season by acknowledging our
need for repentance, and for the mercy and
forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.**

L: We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent

All: by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

All: O God,
we confess that we often come to you reluctantly, afraid of what we might have to give up or change when we enter your presence. In our reluctance, we often miss opportunities for your grace to touch us, and through us to touch others. Touch us that we might be healed; forgive us that we might be born again. (*Silent Confession*) Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE **Take, O Take Me as I Am** MV#85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends in Christ, the God who calls us to take bold steps outward, is the One who journey closely within. In God, there is welcome, courage, companionship, constant forgiveness and renewed strength.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

***HYMN My Love Colours Outside the Lines** MV# 138

TIME WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE
CHILD WITHIN US ALL

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Give You a New Commandment

By P. Aston

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE **What Can I Do?**

MV#191 (sung twice)

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray:

God of call, God of transformation, God of the Lenten
journey; help us to discern your still, small voice.

As the Scriptures are read, open us to change and growth
that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST READING **Genesis 12: 1-4a**

Reader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (read responsively)

121

VU# 844

GOSPEL READING **John 1: 1-17**

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

All: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

The Step of Faith

SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Faith of our Fathers VU# 580

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

L: May God be with you

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

CHORAL PREPARATION: (#400, VU)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

[Leader continues.....] Gracious God hear our prayer,

All: And in your love, answer.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN **What Wondrous Love is This**

VU# 147

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true

Know He will guide you in all you do

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see

God will be there watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen

By Nancy Price and Don Besig

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

by Anonymous, Early English

Our Worship is Over – Our Service Begins

Large Print Bulletins and **Hearing Devices** are available
(please ask an usher)

Stewardship Seconds

Stewards dream a holy vision of new relationship to God, to the earth, and to all others.



**Prayer Cycle for the Churches of
Hamilton Conference**

**Moorefield United Church, Moorefield &
St. James United, Rothsay in Waterloo Presbytery**

Located between Listowel and Arthur, at the NW end of Waterloo Presbytery, both churches were founded in the mid-19th century. St. James, Rothsay began as a Methodist church but has now fallen to 14 members and must soon make a decision about their future. Moorefield began as a Presbyterian church and were deeply involved in the bitter arguments over union in the 1920s. Rev. Rosemary Godin, in her second year as minister, speaks of present-day outreach whereby programs involving the community occur almost daily. Among other results, young people are now more active.



Next Week's Bible Readings

Third Sunday in Lent - March 27

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

SJR FINANCIAL UPDATE

Revenue for February 2011	\$18,403
Expenses for February 2011	\$19,783
Shortfall for February 2011	\$1,379
Accumulated Deficit(Shortfall) for 2011 is	\$3,548

Lost & Found – Gold & Black Cleo Petites Jacket left at the church. It is hanging in the lobby at the Sherwood Door entrance.

Thank You to our Volunteers

THIS WEEK - March 20, 2011

AV Crew	Matthew Carse & Dave Bird
Book Nook/Library	Steve Wardell
Counters	Keith Schott, Joan & Bob Sanders, Brian Madill
Gather 'n Gab	Evelyn Shantz & Vikki Tait
Greeters	Shirley & Gord Double; Bob & Joan Sanders
Lay Reader	Jan Omand
Nursery	Margaret Shoemsmith
Sunday School	Lynda Barnaby
Ushers	Jim & Gillian McNulty; Jim & Vikki Tait

NEXT WEEK - March 27, 2011

AV Crew	Sam Boyd & Jim Carse
Book Nook/Library	Norma Mosgrove
Counters	Cam & Ann MacNeish, Grace Baer, Ileen Darasch
Gather 'n Gab	Shirley & Gord Double
Greeters	Vivian De Giovanni & Ken Sellars Jr.;
	Millie & Bill Wilson
Nursery	Margaret Shoemsmith
Sunday School	Lynda Barnaby
Ushers	Ken Gawthorn, Bob Morrow,
	Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell

AND to Sam Boyd for his bulletin cover designs

Lenten Calendars are available in the narthex. A calendar about Helping with Care in partnership with actalliance and the United Church Mission and Service Fund.

Attention Parents of our Sunday School children – The Lenten/Easter edition of *This Season...at Home* is available on the table in the narthex.

Saturday Morning Lenten Breakfast Study **9am-10:30am**
March 12 to April 16 Signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. More info can be found in your Lenten Pilgrimage brochure. Extra copies are on the table in the narthex.

Children and Young Teens (CAYTS) at Hamilton Conference this year in Fergus, Ontario May 27,28,29. Theme for this year is BARE HOPE. Please speak to Rev. Val if interested.

Have you ever noticed how the washing machine eats socks!

If you have lots of CLEAN odd ones in your sock drawer please bring them along next week! I'll bet you can't wait to find out what we are going to do with them! Thanks, Rev. Val



Our Breakfast Program (Nutrition for Learning) needs volunteers! Please contact the church office or Rev. Christina. Volunteer application forms are on the table in the narthex

Reel Theology Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Movie: *My Sister's Keeper* - Potluck Dinner@ 6pm; Movie @ 6:45pm. Please sign up on our website <http://sjruc.ca> or on the sheet in the Narthex.

The Church Mouse deadline for next issue is Friday, March 25

Please email your submissions and photos to churchmouse@sjruc.ca or leave them in Mailbox #54. Remember to let us know about all of your upcoming Easter and Spring events!

SJR Reads Sunday, March 27 12pm-2pm

I Shall Not Hate – A Gaza Doctor's Journey - By Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish - now known simply as "the Gaza doctor", he captured hearts and headlines around the world in the aftermath of horrific tragedy: on January 16, 2009, Israeli shells hit his home in the Gaza Strip, killing three of his daughters and a niece. His response to the loss of his children made the news and won him humanitarian awards around the world.

SJR Reads Sunday, May 15 : *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova - The story of a 50-year old woman's descent into early onset of Alzheimer's disease

UCW Unit 2 Meeting Monday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Janice Bock. Janice will speak about her recent tour, "Costa Rica, Naturally". All are welcome!

Lay Pastoral Care Meeting Tuesday, March 29th at 7 p.m

Our first information gathering session will be held in the Rose Room. Please feel welcome to attend and share your ideas. Thanks, Val.



Lent: A Call to Fast and Feast

Fast from judging others; feast on the good within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences;

feast on the oneness of all.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism; feast on hope.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from guilt; feast on freedom.

Fast from complaining; feast on being thankful.

Fast from stress; feast on self-care.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from being so busy; feast on peaceful silence.

Fast from being in control; feast on letting go.

Paraphrased from a Lenten Reflection by Fr. Peter Dennis during Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, San Dimas, CA on March, 09, 2011.

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