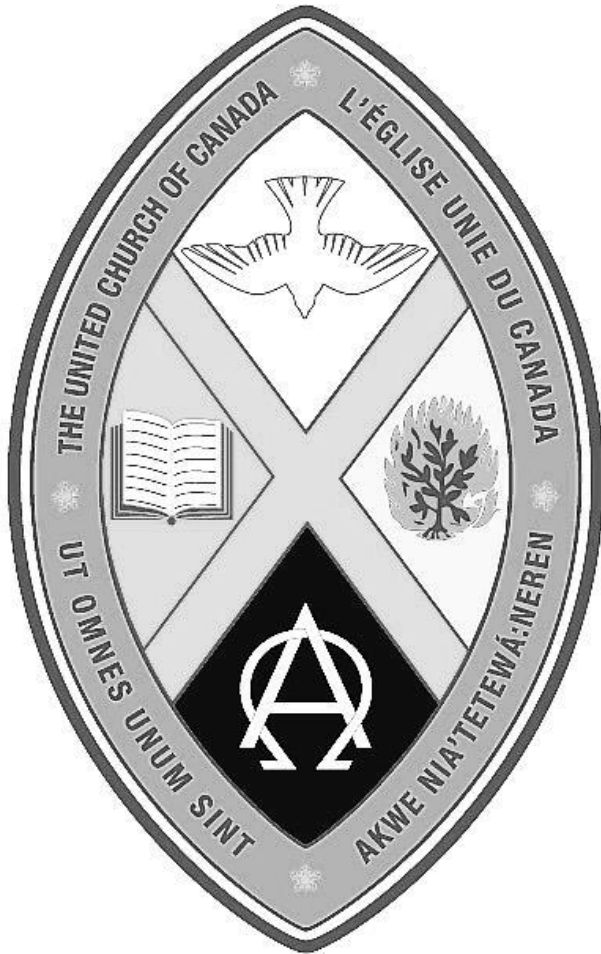

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



September 13, 2015 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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are available: Please ask an usher**

*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol: **

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbour

Prelude **'Bist du bei Mir'** *(arr. J.S. Bach)*

* Processional Hymn

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets VU 245

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Holy God, be with us in our worship. As we open to Christ's spirit guiding each of us, help us to cherish our memories and to move forward with your grace.
Amen

The Christ Candle is lit

Call To Worship:

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows, all that lives upon it.

All: Thanks be to God

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing

All: Thanks be to God

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Approach: *(unison)*

**Come to us, Holy God,
as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us 'round your living Word,
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst.
Through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus who
taught us to pray...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

Minute for Mission: **“Go!”**

Prayer of Illumination:

One: Loving God,
you speak to us in so many ways:
in the song of a bird,
in the babbling of a brook,
in the voices of our friends,
in the hug from friends and family,
in the songs we sing,
and in the stories of the Bible.
Speak to us now through the reading of scripture.
Help us to hear your voice
and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 8:27-38**

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children’s Hymn **Teach Me, God, to Wonder** VU 299

Childrens’ Time

COVENANT OF LEARNING

One: As God’s people, we are part of Christ’s church:
we learn about Jesus, and study the Bible;
we learn about our church and our faith;
we learn about good and evil;

and we learn to work for justice and peace.
We are shaped by the love of God and of one
another,
in every stage of our life and faith.

A covenant is a promise we make with God
and with one another,
a promise to live God's Way.

Let us now renew our covenant
with God with our children, with the Sunday School
Teachers and with each other.

**All: In the presence of God and one another,
we give thanks for the example and lasting love of
Jesus Christ,
who shows us how to live God's Way**

Children & Youth:

We are thankful for our Sunday School,
and our teachers

We are happy to be with others,
and to learn and grow in our faith.

Sunday School Teachers:

We are thankful for this opportunity
to be with the children and youth

We will teach trusting in the Spirit and in God's
promise to support and guide us.

We will cherish the children and youth

And rely on this congregation to uphold us in this
ministry.

Congregation:

**We remember today promises made at baptism
to support one another as we grow in faith.**

We want to honour and fulfill these promises.

**We promise to encourage each other,
to support our church school, the children and
youth and the teachers**

and to join in the journey of faith.

We are called to pray, to learn and to play.

**We will share with each other our experiences and
insights.**

**All: We share in the life and ministry of the church.
We commit ourselves to the joy and task of
following Jesus - learners and teachers, every one.**

One: Let us pray.

In your image, O God, we are created.
Be with us as we reflect that image
in our work and play, as we sing and pray,
study and learn, laugh and cry together.
Help us accept our responsibility
as members of this congregation
and as followers of the Way of Jesus Christ.
We ask for the encouragement of your Spirit
and the energy of your love,
as we live out this covenant together. Amen.

Anthem **'Love Grows Here'** *(Don Besig)*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Epistle Lesson: **James 3:1-12**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Message: **"We Begin in Endings"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **In the Bulb There Is a Flower** VU 703

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory **Meditation from 'Thais'** *(Jules Massenet)*

* Offering Response: **We Bring Our Gifts to Share**

**We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.**

**Through work of minds
and hands in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.**

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* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Loving God, Mother of us all, may these gifts,
given gratefully, be brought to life through the
power of your creative Spirit.**

**Multiply and use them to bring the word and the
touch of Jesus to your people in this place
and throughout the world. Amen.**

RITUAL TO MARK THE END OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Statement of Purpose:

Our church, like any community, changes.

Babies are born. Children grow up.

Loved ones and friends grow old.

People move into our community and church.

Others leave us, moving on to new places,
new experiences, and new opportunities.

Let us not forget that the ministry in this place
is Christ's ministry, entrusted to us as part of his Body.
Our ministry belongs to Jesus and is ongoing.

When a minister comes into our church,
we covenant with one another;

we promise to walk together as God's People,
deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ
and growing closer to God.

God's covenant with us never changes,
but our covenants with one another do change.

We gather now to mark the ending of the covenant
between the Rev. Heather Davies

St. James'~Rosemount United Church and Waterloo
Presbytery.

Recognition of Symbols of Ministry:

Friends, you called me into your midst,

to serve with you in the ministry of

Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and
Outreach

Bible

One: The Bible is the symbol of the ministry of the Word among us.
May God's Word continue to challenge, nurture, and inspire you.

**All: We will continue to place scripture at the centre of our life.
The Word of God lives among us.
Thanks be to God.**

Water

One: The font is the symbol of our baptism, the place of our birth into the Body of Christ.
May you continue to welcome new members through the Living Waters of our faith.

**All: We will continue to celebrate new life in baptism;
the font of blessing welcomes all.
Thanks be to God.**

Loaf and Cup

One: The table is the symbol of our communion in Christ, the source of nourishment and strength.
May you continue to share the bread and cup, remembering the One who is Bread of Life and True Vine.

**All: We will continue to break the bread and share the cup;
the table invites us to taste and see that God is good.
Thanks be to God.**

Towel and Basin

One: The towel and basin are the symbols of our calling to justice and service, according to the example of Jesus, who washed the feet of his friends.
May you continue to walk the way of the cross of Christ.

All: We will continue to serve others and to work for justice, following in the way of Jesus, Friend and Servant of all. Thanks be to God.

Congregation Walking Stick

One: This walking stick represents the Christian journey
As a congregation we are called to walk together to love and serve each other, to care and to heal, to teach and to witness to the Word.
May you continue to walk with each other as you love one another as God has loved you.

All: We will continue to offer care, challenge, and encouragement to one another, sharing all that we are and have. Thanks be to God.

Keys

One: These keys are a symbol of our daily duties and the work of administration; and of this building, a witness to Christ's presence in this community.
May your light continue to shine in this place.

All: We will continue to build, to dream and to grow, discerning the will of God for us in our time and place. Thanks be to God.

Returning of the Stole:

One: You presented me with this stole as a symbol as my role in your midst as worship leader and preacher. I return this stole to you with gratitude. May my successor receive this stole so that they too can share their gifts for ministry with you as you continue on your journey as God's people.

Marking the End of the Covenanted Ministry

Presider (Steve):

On July 1, 2014, St. James'~Rosemount United Church called Rev. Heather Davies to serve as Minister of Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Outreach.

Heather:

Members and friends of St. James'~Rosemount United Church I thank you for your love, kindness, and support during this past year.

I am grateful for the struggles, the surprises, and for the opportunities we have shared.

I ask you for your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

Congregation:

**We receive your thankfulness
and offer our forgiveness.**

We ask you to forgive us for our mistakes.

We are grateful for your guidance and your gifts.

All: As we part, may we know God's grace and peace.

The presider may invite members and friends of the congregation to stand as they are able.

Steve: Will you, the members and friends

St. James'~Rosemount United Church

Release Heather from the duties of the ministry of Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Outreach in this place?

All: We will, with God's help.

Steve: Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for *her* continued ministry elsewhere?

All: We will, with God's help.

The presider invites the departing minister to stand.

Steve: Will you, Heather, release St. James'~Rosemount United Church from their dependence upon you as a minister of Minister of Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Outreach.

Heather: I will, with God's help.

Steve: Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for their continued ministry here?

Heather: I will, with God's help.

Heather:

I thank you, friends and members of St. James'~Rosemount United Church for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among and with you. Let us not forget that the ministry in this place is Christ's ministry entrusted to us as part of his body. Our ministry together always belongs to Jesus and is always on going. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

**We receive your thankfulness,
offer our forgiveness,
and accept that you are now leaving us
to minister elsewhere.
We are grateful for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave us with your departure.
We release you from your duties of ministry here
in our midst, no longer turning to you
as we have when you were in ministry among us.**

Heather:

I accept your thanksgiving and your forgiveness of me. I forgive you.
May our time together and our parting now

be pleasing and acceptable to God.
Further, I now release you
from turning to me and depending on me.
I encourage your continuing ministry here
and will pray for you.

Prayer (Steve)

Creator God, Holy One,
Great Spirit of Mystery and Love, God of Covenant,
we give thanks for remembered times
when we together have shared the life of faith.
We thank you for the moments we have shared with
Heather in worship, in learning, in play,
in laughter, in tears, in prayer, and in service.
We pray that Heather will be aware of your guidance,
as she moves to a new ministry.
We pray that your Spirit continue to influence
St. James'~Rosemount United Church and Waterloo
Presbytery in their ministry.
Be with us in our time of celebration.
Bless the insights we have received by your grace
during this mutual covenant, now ending.
We pray for wisdom, healing, and abundant new life.
May we move forward confidently
with renewed energy and vision;
in Christ we pray. Amen.

Blessing

Steve: Heather, go now, surrounded by our love,
led by the promises of the living God,
the presence of Jesus Christ,
and the guidance of the Spirit of Life.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn

Go to the World

VU 420

Commissioning:

One: Go forth from here.

Continue walking with Christ in love and service.

Take with you all we have shared.

May our memories be

springs of water when we are thirsty;

rays of light when we are in darkness;
and reason for rejoicing always.
May God bless and keep us all. Amen.

* Choral Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God 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.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Postlude **'Trumpet Voluntary'** *(Marc Antoine Charpentier)*

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***After the service join us in the Rainbow Room
for refreshments & conversation - Gather 'n Gab!***



"Bist du bei Mir" (As Long As You Are With Me to the End) is a popular solo which has been arranged for different instruments and for voice. This beautiful melody was wrongly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach until the 1980's. The actual composer was probably the German composer, Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690-1749). Most of Stölzel's works have been lost but a fragment of an opera by him which contained this melody was discovered just a few decades ago. Bach's familiarity and respect for the work of this composer may account for his use of Stölzel's music in exercise books he created for his sons and later for his second wife, Anna Magdalena, to learn the art of copying music, a common practice before the age of publishing and copyright. This version of 'Bist du bei Mir' was set by Bach as a solo aria appropriate for his wife's voice in the 1725 'Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach'.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Armenian Evangelical Church, Cambridge

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Rev. Heather Davies
Inquire with Church Office.
Northern Bruce Peninsula, ON N0H 2T0

Happy Anniversary!

Gordon & Rosemary A. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past Thursday, September 10th!



Best Wishes to Matthew C. & Tanya F. on the occasion of their wedding held here at SJR this past Friday, September 11th!

IN OUR CHURCH:

Video Bible Study (VBS) *"If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat"* a 6 Week video Bible Study starting this **Wed. Sept. 16th in the Parlour 7 p.m - 9 p.m.** Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for us all. But walk on water? What does that mean? Facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word. Discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on our lives and experiencing the power of God to accomplish what we would not be capable of doing on our own.

Get To Know SJR: Luncheon - for Fellowship, Fun & Growing Familiarity. In the Rainbow Room **Wed. Sept. 23rd 10:30 am -1:30 pm.** Bring your own brown bag sandwich. Apple crisp & ice cream & beverage will be provided. Ask your questions & get a tour of the church. Singles and couples - come one, come all!

F.U.N. Night: You're invited to SJR's very first F.U.N. - Family Unplugged Night! Friday, **Sept. 25 6 - 8:30 pm:** If 6 pm sounds too early for you, not to worry. We are going to feed you first and then we are going to have fun at F.U.N. Bring your Family. Bring kids & grand kids, friends or neighbours. Everyone can be part of F.U.N.! Come, learn, play & enjoy an old fashioned board game. We are serving up Crokinole with a side of Chinese Checkers. If you have one of these games that you can bring or we can borrow, please let us know when you sign up (on our website or on the sheet in the narthex). Come and join SJR's F.U.N. Cost: The fun is free; pay-as-you-can for supper.



Reel Theology: **Tues., Sept. 29th at 5:30** Potluck with Film & Discussion to follow. Sign up on back table sheet or www.sjruc.ca (see trailer) In "The Soloist", Jamie Foxx is outstanding in the role as down-and-out street person. Once a student at the esteemed Julliard School of Music, now with mental issues, he's busking to stay alive. A journalist forms a friendship with him, based on kindness, courtesy and respect. True Story.

Bridge: It's wonderful to see so many new faces among us! We'd like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us for Bridge. We play the 2nd Friday of each month all year round, taking turns hosting in our homes. We'd love for you to join us! **Contact the church office for contact info.**

SJR Website Information

We've got a *GREAT* website and would love to make it as informative and useful as possible. Submit any SJR community news or events to webmaster@sjruc.ca or mailbox # 36

EVENTS: Send us all your event details - even if they are not complete. Events are things that can go on the calendar and have a separate event page. Examples include:

- Outreach Projects
- leaf raking
- fundraising
- photo directory
- lunches or dinners
- meetings
- hikes
- Seminars
- celebrations
- open houses

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send us announcements from your committees - Announcements are things that don't have a date associated with them. Examples include:

- thank you's
- welcomes
- recent donations
- weather closures
- Help needed
- Event follow ups - "news"
- News stories (Milestone birthdays and anniversaries, awards earned etc.)
- Church use news (Guide leaders training, First Aid Training,)

PAGES: If you are a part of a group that is based here at SJR we would like to create a page just for you to share with viewers what you are all about and how to contact you if they are interested in participating. Examples include:

- Scouting
- Guiding
- Preschool
- Music Classes
- China Painters
- Bridge Club

Send us some information to promote your group and we will work on getting it on the site. Include photos to help brighten your page.

We want to grow - so let's tell people what is happening here!

Send all info to: webmaster@sjruc.ca
Jim & Teresa Carse SJRUC.ca Webmasters



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Margaret H. Marion M. & Fran C.
Nursery	Margaret S. Sr.
Gather 'n Gab	Evelyn S., Vikki T.
Counters	Jim C., Don & Anne W.
Ushers	Bob & Carol S.
Lay Reader	Steve W.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bridgeport United: Kids grow fast! Sadly, their clothes do not. Join us on Saturday September 26, at Bridgeport United Church (40 Bridge St. W.) for our Swap, Don't Shop free children's clothing event! Bring the gently used clothes that don't fit and swap for clothes that do! You do not have to bring something to take something. Toys and books too. Donations of clean, gently used children's clothing, books and toys appreciated in advance of the sale. Please contact the BUC Church at 519 745 0931 or BUC1@bellnet.ca to make arrangements.

Prayer Services With Taizé Songs: **Sunday, September 27,** 2015 at 7:30pm hosted by Knox Presbyterian Church 50 Erb St. West, Waterloo 519-886-4150
and **Sunday, October 18,** at 7:30pm hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran Church 825 King St. West, Kitchener 519-743-6309

October "JOY" Day at Parkminister: Waterloo Presbyterial invites all UCW and their friends to our October "JOY" Day at Parkminister United Church on **Saturday Oct 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Joyologist Bonnie Simonato, a vibrant motivational speaker and a master story teller will inspire you to live more joyfully every day. Lunch by Vincenzo Catering will be served at noon followed by musical entertainment by CH'CKL'TS from Cambridge. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Call Barbara Seaton 519 623-1359 to purchase your ticket.



Remember to check the bulletin boards for more information and more events!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Sept 15 **Unified Board Mtg** - 8:00 p.m. all upstairs
- Sept 16 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Sept 17 **Choir Rehearsals** - 7:30 in Rainbow Room
- Sept 23 **Get To Know SJR Lunch** 10:30 a.m. Rainbow Rm
- Sept 25 **F.U.N. Family Unplugged Night** - 6 p.m.
- Sept 29 **Reel Theology** - 5:30 in Long Sunday Sch Rm

Upcoming event? Please inform:

- office (mail@sjruc.ca) **and**
- webmaster (webmaster@sjruc.ca or Box #36)



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Note: *The office will be closed Tues. & Wed. Sept. 15 & 16.*



We Share The Air!

SJR is a smoke-free & fragrance-free facility.