

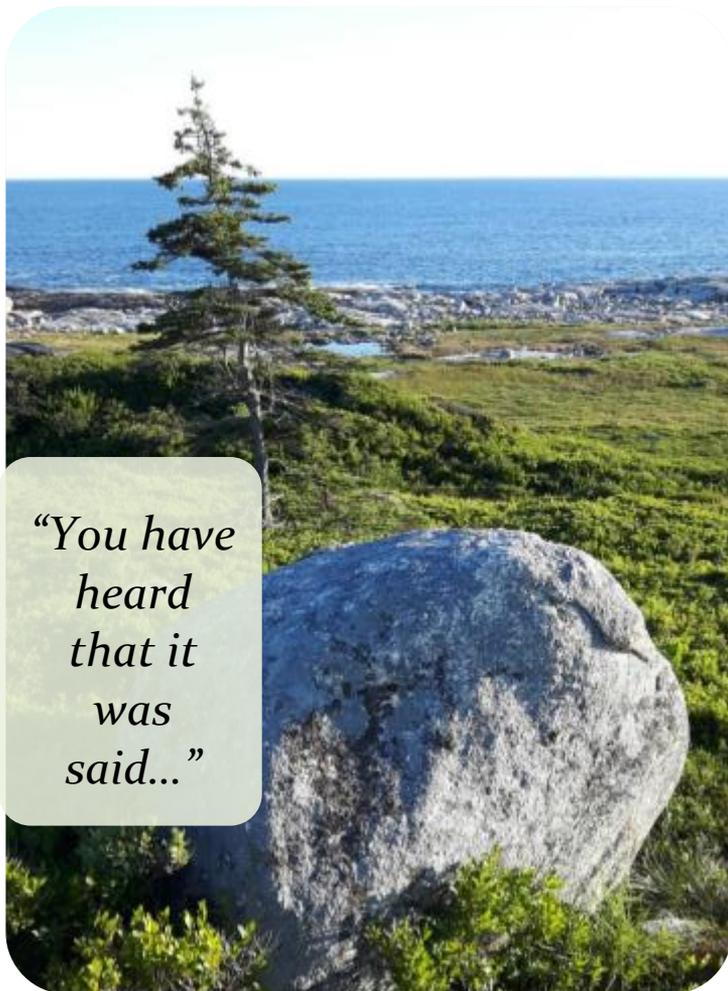
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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



*“You have  
heard  
that it  
was  
said...”*

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February 12, 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices  
are available: Please ask an usher**

**Welcome!**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE**

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

**Welcome & Announcements**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

**Softly and Tenderly**

*(arr. Craig Curry)*

\* Opening Hymn **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** VU 626

**Call to Worship**

One: God calls us here, that we might grow  
and discover ways that lead to life.

God calls us here, reconciling us to one another  
and teaching us the paths of love.

God calls us here, loving us into newness,  
and blessing us with peace.

To this place God has called us, that we may explore  
what it means to be community.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

One: Loving God,

you inspire us to live in your love and forgiveness,  
though we easily criticize those who have fallen short  
and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous.

You show us a better way to live,  
loving you and our neighbours,  
with our whole beings:  
heart, soul, strength and mind.

Forgive us for turning this gift into a burden,  
“something to be done”  
rather than a Way of being, a Way of love and  
freedom in you.

In the name of Christ, who has given us the Way and  
leads us on, we pray in hope, saying

**All: 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.**

Story Time

Hymn **Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold** VU 605 

*Youth and Children are invited to head out  
for Sunday School!*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Anthem **Teach Me, O Lord** *(Thomas Atwood)*

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 5:21-37**

Reflection **Jesus' not-so-easy teachings...**

Hymn **Love is the Touch**  
*Sung to #642 – Be Thou My Vision*

*Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.*

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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

*(Donate online at sjruc.ca)*

Offertory

**Elegie**

*(Henri Gagnon)*



\* Offering Response \*

***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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\*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

\* Closing Hymn **I Have Called You by Your Name** MV 161

\* Commissioning

\* Choral Benediction (*"Go Now in Peace"* Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

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.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

**Trumpet Piece**

(John Alcock)

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***Please join us for Gather n' Gab  
after today's service! All are welcome!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
***Millgrove United Church, Hamilton Presbytery***

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The flowers in the church today are in  
memory of Diane Mountain (2001), loving  
daughter of Jim & Norma M.

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Henri Gagnon (1887-1961) organist, teacher and composer, was born in Quebec City. He studied piano with his father and began performing publicly at an early age. His real success began in 1901 with a concert he gave at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. at the age of 14. In 1907 he moved to Paris, France to continue his organ and composition studies and while there gave many concerts. He returned to Canada in 1910, preferring the life of a church musician to that of a virtuoso. He was appointed assistant organist at the Notre Dame Basilica-Cathedral in Quebec City, and in 1915 was appointed full time organist. He remained at the Cathedral for 51 years. He began teaching piano and organ at Laval University in 1923. His compositions were mainly for piano and organ but he also wrote some choral works and vocal pieces. The Elegie was written in 1901 when he was 14.

## IN OUR CHURCH:

**Next week is our monthly lunch gathering** - and for February we thought we'd change it up a little. We no longer wanted to hide our light under a bushel - so if you know of someone who could use a meal, some friendship, even some hope in these dreary winter months - invite them to church! Next week is our 'bring a friend to church Sunday' because we know a smile and a good meal go a long way!



**SJR Reads:** We are meeting on ***Monday, February 20th*** at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour. We will be discussing 'Between Gods: A Memoir' by Alison Pick. All are welcome to join us for a good discussion & fellowship. Our next meeting will be on March 27th when we will be talking about 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr for which we have a KPL book club bag - contact Charmian if you would like one of the books.



**Stewardship Meeting:** This past November, 35 people gathered to discuss stewardship here at SJR. Stewardship practices we think we do well include sharing meals, supporting groups (e.g. the Kenya project, and TCOW), children's ministry, music ministry... and being friendly. Things we think we can do better include communicating with one another, engaging people who are new to our congregation, and connecting with the surrounding community. Where do we go next? Please join us in the long Sunday School Room after service on ***Sunday, February 26th*** to discuss how we can build on these ideas to improve our approach to stewardship. We will have a potluck lunch again so please sign up on the list outside the kitchen. See you on the 26th!!

**Dancing with DisABILITY** On Tuesday mornings from 10.30-

11.30 am in the Rainbow Room a DANCING WITH disABILITY class started on February 6. Four places have been reserved for church members free of charge. To learn more about this, check out the leaflet on the Community Bulletin Board today. Sign up yourself or take a leaflet home with you to give to someone who might be interested. Pass on the information to anyone who enjoys music and loves to dance despite their physical challenges.  
<http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>



**From the Kenya Committee** Once again the congregation of St. James' has shown strong support for students in Ugunja to be able to attend Nyasanda Community High School and Nyasanda Technical School. Your generosity will be providing sponsorship for 18 full time students, seven of whom are going into year one. In addition you have contributed \$3133.00 for partial sponsorships. I will report later about the number of students being assisted. In total you have contributed \$13183.00 for 2017. Our committee wishes to thank you for your contribution to enable these students to continue in school.

**Book Nook: The 5 Love Languages, by Gary Chapman.**

Couples who understand each other's love languages hold a priceless advantage in the quest for love that lasts a lifetime - they know how to effectively and consistently make each other feel truly and deeply loved. That gift never fades away. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**



- Feb. 15 **Video Bible Study** – “The Call” – Parlour 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 **Stay for Lunch!**
- Feb. 20 **SJR Reads** - Parlour 1:30 p.m
- Feb. 26 **Stewardship Meeting & Potluck** - after worship
- Feb. 27 **UCW Meeting** - Parlour 7 p.m.

***Please check the large monitors, the bulletin boards & our website at [www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca) for more upcoming events.***

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