

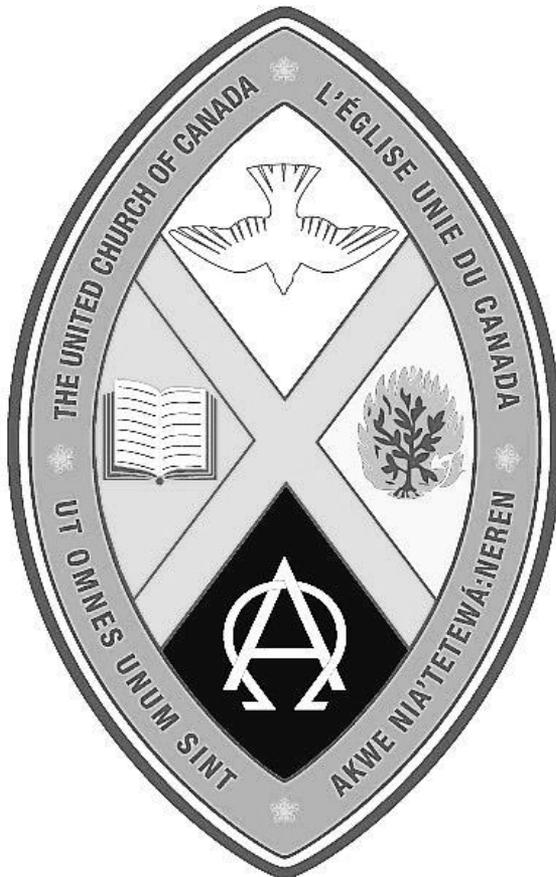
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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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



## *Membership Sunday*

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September 6, 2015 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices  
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                                   **'Arioso'**                                   (J.S. Bach)

\* Processional Hymn

**Come in, Come in and Sit Down**           VU 395

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: You are the healing, the loving, the touching.  
You are the laughing, you are the dancing.  
Jesus - you are the light of the world, be in us.

*The Christ Candle is lit*

Call To Worship:

One: We have gathered to worship God.

**All: We have come seeking comfort,  
inspiration, community, and insight.**

One: We have come to open ourselves  
to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons  
and the turnings in our lives,  
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our  
growing.**

Prayer of Approach:

One: Creator, this grace holds the moment we are in now;  
may it last a moment, but be filled with eternity.  
May the living we do and the dreams that we have,  
may the words that we use and the intent of our acts,  
hold such grace.  
May the breaking of our hearts  
and the longing for justice,  
may the risk of our faith and the journey of love,  
hold such grace.  
May the travelling yet to be done  
and the word yet to be born, the child yet to be named

and the place yet to be found, hold such grace.  
So that all of creation past, present and future,  
our place and every place in it be known by you,  
held by you, crafted by you, loved by you.  
And that this is the place in which we have being,  
this grace-filled place, here and now. So be it.

**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.**

Minute for Mission: **“Celebrate God’s Presence”**

### **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

One: The church is a community of people with varied gifts,  
united by the Holy Spirit.  
We gather to celebrate God’s presence,  
to discern God’s truth, and to follow the way of Jesus.  
By our baptism we are made members of Christ’s  
church.  
We exercise this membership  
in the denomination to which we belong,  
which for us is The United Church of Canada,  
and within the context of a local community of faith.  
We are now to welcome into this congregation  
those who are already members  
of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation:

One: On behalf of St. James’~Rosemount congregation,  
I present the following persons  
whom we welcome into the membership  
of this community of faith:

Bruce & Eileen B.  
Marjorie B.  
Tom B.  
Thomas & Kathryn B.  
Velma C.  
William & Dianne D.

Leslie F.  
Allan & Mary Lou J.  
Frances L.  
Audrey M.  
Karen S.  
Bruce & Grace W.

Commitment of New Members:

One: New members,  
will you join with us  
as together we celebrate God's presence,  
live with respect in creation,  
love and serve others,  
seek justice and resist evil?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Congregational Commitment:

One: Dear friends in Christ,  
let us pledge to these people our support and care.

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and our support.  
With God's help, we will together live out  
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

\* Affirmation Of Faith - **A New Creed**

VU 918

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

Welcome

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities  
of membership in this congregation.  
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

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 7:24-37**

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**All: Praise to Christ the Word**

\* Children's Hymn I, **The Lord of the Sea and Sky** VU 509

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

**Solo:** *Margaret Shoesmith Jr.*

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

Epistle Lesson: **James 2:1-10, 14-17**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God for the Word.**

Message: **"Welcome"**

Silence

## COMMUNION

\*Communion Hymn: **We Gather Here**

VU 469

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.  
You guide the sun, cradle the moon,  
and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made  
and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us  
and set us among all your creatures,  
in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you,  
you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,  
to remind us of your promise of peace,  
and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,  
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,  
sharing our joy and sorrow,  
healing the sick,  
feeding the hungry,  
and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to  
proclaim your goodness:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth  
we recognize the fullness of your grace:  
light, life, and love, revealed  
in words that confront and comfort us,  
in teachings that challenge and change us,  
in compassion that heals and frees us.  
And now we gather at this table to remember  
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,  
that we may rise together  
to turn our worship into witness  
and to follow in your way.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,  
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.”  
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
passed it to his friends, saying:  
“Drink. This cup that is poured out for you  
is the promise of God, made in my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

At this time, we also remember  
all with whom you would have us share your feast.  
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .  
all who are ill or alone . . .

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .  
for all whom the world counts as last and least . . . .  
We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . . .  
for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .  
for all our families and friends . . . .

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,  
remembering Christ’s life and death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
waiting in hope for his coming again.  
Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you  
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who share in this loaf and cup  
may be the body of Christ:  
light, life, and love in the world.  
In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

One: The breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine  
These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform  
and enliven us that we may live lives of  
thanksgiving.**

**May your presence among us  
provoke such longing for your realm,  
that we will never be satisfied  
until the whole earth knows  
your justice, your peace, and your love.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory 'No. 1' from Trois Pieces Galantes (Denis Bedard)

\* 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.**

*Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*

\* 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.**

## **WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD**

\* Hymn

**Let Us Build a House**

MV 1

Commissioning:

One: May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination;  
the strength of Christ, stronger than our need;  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
richer than our togetherness;  
guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows

\* 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

**'Prelude in F'**

(J.S. Bach)

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Denis Bedard is a native of Quebec City. He first studied at the Conservatoire de musique de Quebec, graduating with first class honours in organ, harpsichord, chamber music and composition, and then continued studies in Paris, Montreal and Amsterdam. He has won numerous awards and competitions including the "Prix d'Europe" and the CBC Radio Talent Competition. Bedard has been a professor of organ at the Conservatoire de musique de Quebec and University of British Columbia. Since 2001 he has been organist and music director at Holy Cathedral in Vancouver. He is a very active concert artist giving recitals across North America and in France and Brazil, and is also a very prolific composer of organ music.

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**St. John's United Church, Warton, Bruce Presbytery**

## IN OUR CHURCH:

**Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship:** *Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>* in the parlour. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship together. If you have any questions, **call the church office**. Everyone is welcome!

**Choir Rehearsals** *begin this Thursday Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.* in the Sunday School Room. Anybody who likes to sing is encouraged to attend. **See you soon!**



**Video Bible Study (VBS)** beginning *Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>* in the Parlour 7 p.m - 9 p.m. Join us for a new series! Sign the sheet on the Narthex table or call **call the church office**.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month all year round, taking turns hosting in our homes. We'd love for you to join us! **call the church office**.

**Bulletin Photo Contest** The United Church of Canada is taking submissions for the bulletin covers. \$100 for each photo used! See community bulletin board for details and forms.

**Room Booking Reminder:** When planning a meeting or event, check with the office to reserve the required rooms.

**Bulletin information:** Please ensure that information to be included in the bulletin is in the office by Wednesday morning.

**SJR Website** We've got a great website and would love to make it as informative and useful as we can. Submit any SJR community news or events to [webmaster@sjruc.ca](mailto:webmaster@sjruc.ca) or mailbox # 36.

### Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Crew
<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret H. Marion M. & Fran C.
<b>Gather 'n Gab</b>	Ed & Ellen E.
<b>Counters</b>	Jan O., Doug & Alison R.
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug R., Luella C.
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Don W.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**BIRTHRIGHT** provides non-judgmental support & love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. **We need volunteers!** You can work as an office volunteer, or you can keep our baby and maternity clothes in order, or a volunteer coordinator, or how about a Board Member? If you feel you could be a Birthright volunteer, please call 519-579-3990. BBQ @ Knights of Columbus 797 Guelph St, Kitchener, ON N2H 5Z2 September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for those interested or with questions about volunteering or serving on the board.

**Take Back The Night** Rally and march taking place on Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015! Opening rally begins 6 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall. TBTN addresses the rights of women and transpeople to be safe, without violence, regardless of age, creed, location, numbers, or attire. More info: [sascwr.org](http://sascwr.org)

**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](mailto:BUC1@bellnet.ca) to make arrangements.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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. 8 **Brown Bag Lunch** join us at Noon in the Parlour
- Sept. 8 **Board Exec. Mtg.** 7:00 p.m. Parlour
- Sept 10 **Choir Rehearsals** - 7:30 in Sunday School Rm
- Sept 15 **Unified Board Mtg** - 8:00 p.m. all upstairs
- Sept 16 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour

*Upcoming event? Please inform:*

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



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In the office Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

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Office hours: Tues. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Note:** *The office will be closed Friday Sept. 11,  
and Tues. & Wed., Sept. 15 & 16.*



*We Share The Air!*

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