
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 3, 2021 – Worldwide Communion Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

*Welcome to worship!
We're glad you're here!*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

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

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship *written by Thom Schuman*

One: Welcome to this place:

where all generations are welcomed,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place,
as we gather with all of God's children:
where we find God's love,
where we hear the voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place,
where all is made ready by our God:
where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

Opening Prayer

One: Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity.
Christ has gathered his people around the earth
to commune at this table.

**All: Across political lines and economic lines,
in places of powerfully protected affluence,
and among the poorest of the poor,
we share a meal, remembering and celebrating the
One who proved shalom possible.**

One: And so, come:
you from the East and you from the West,
from the North and from the South.

Come. Come as you are.
Come with your doubts,
come with your hopes,
come with your inadequacies
and with your strengths.
Come as Jesus invites us...

Lord's Prayer (read/prayed slowly)

**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.**

One: Come, for this is a table where all are invited
and all are welcome.

Anthem 'Bread of Life' *arranged by Lee G. Barrow*

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn For the Bread Which You have Broken VU 470

**1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?"

³ Jesus answered, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife."

⁵ Jesus said to them, "He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts."

⁶ At the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

⁷ Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife,

⁸ and the two will be one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.

⁹ Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together."

¹⁰ Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this.

¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;

¹² and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them.

¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children."

¹⁵ I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it."

¹⁶ Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

Reflection

Hymn **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** VU 593

Refrain ***Jesu,* Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.***

***1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.*** Refrain

**2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.** Refrain

**3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you.** Refrain

**4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.** Refrain

** 'Jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo.'*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

*** 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 Come With Joy

VU 477

**1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

***The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.***

**4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

**5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

*** Commissioning** *written by Gord Waldie*

One: Grain which once was scattered over the fields
was brought together to feed us today.
Grapes pulled from the vine
squeezed to give us drink today.
Now our time of worship and feasting draws to a close.
Now we are dispersed like that grain,
off to give the food of life to a hungry world.
Now we who have shared the Banquet of Hope,
go out as people connected to the vine,
go out to bring the juice of life
where the world has been drained dry.

As people who have been fed,
go now to feed the world.

As those who have been given hope,
bring hope in place of despair.

All: May God help us to do so.

One: And always remember
that we are never cut off from the Source.
The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always.
And so we always share in Hope's Banquet.

All: Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet!

* Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace**

*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)

*Please remain seated in silence as
we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

Upcoming Worship

Indoor Worship – Thanksgiving

October 10th We are planning to return to indoor services beginning next week for Thanksgiving worship. Sign-up, masks, & distancing will be required. Attendance will be limited with a waiting list for cancellations. Online sign up is now open at <https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9> (This link will also be sent out by email).

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Register for services below.

Sunday, October 10

Thanksgiving Worship Service at
10:30 am
36 Spots Remaining

WAIT LIST - Thanksgiving Worship
Service at 10:30 am
100 Spots Remaining

Sunday School at 10:30 am
12 Spots Remaining

A few notes:

- please sign up your “bubble,” ie: if you drive someone to church, or socialize with them outside of church, please sign up as one registration/group and sit together.
- Phone sign-up for those unable to access the internet is available through the office – leave a message with your phone number so we can confirm with you.
- Do not include Sunday School children in the sign up for attending in the Sanctuary. There is a separate registration in the link for Sunday School (children will be dropped off at the door near the fenced playground upon arrival).
- If the sign-up list for the Worship Service is full, please sign up on the “Wait List” option. You will hear from the church office if spaces become available.

- When you arrive next Sunday, please observe the distancing markers on the walls and floors and follow traffic flow indicators. Enter only the Sherwood Ave. doors.

Announcements



Usher Training next **Thursday Oct 7th at 3 p.m.** meet at the Sherwood entrance to SJRUC. Interested? Please attend. Masking and distancing protocols in effect. Thank you to all those able to help us reopen safely!

Waterloo Regional Food Bank We will be wrapping up our Food Bank collection this Thursday, October 7th from 6pm -7:30pm as we load a truck with all your donations. If you still haven't donated, please join us in the parking lot. Thank you for ensuring no one goes hungry in our Region!



Christian Education As we prepare to return to in-church worship, we are planning on Sunday School as well! Plans are being developed for the children to use the Downstairs Sunday School room (formerly the preschool) for an hour-long time together. We are hoping to have children dropped off for 10:20 every day for a story time, worship, and play together. To make this happen, we need volunteers. Kids will be playing inside and out, creating crafts, and need caring adults to keep them distanced and safe. If you're willing to help in this way, please speak to Mearle M (or email ce@sjruc.ca) or Rev. Chris.

Faith Study Sacred Pathways - by Gary Thomas. Many of us today think we must approach God in a certain way. But the truth is that not every person will engage with God in the same way. Gary Thomas uncovers nine of these spiritual "pathways" that people have used over the centuries to grow closer to God. Join us for this five-week study to discover the particular pathway that will best help you to experience God's presence. Contact Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca to join us on Zoom.



Spiritus Ensemble - Bach Vespers our cautious return to live performance. presenting a shortened form of Bach Vespers - Cantata 187, **Sunday, October 24 The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener.** Two performances, **3:30 pm and 5:00 pm**, each about 40 minutes. All performers have been vaccinated, will be socially distanced, and most will be masked. Unmasked solo singers will be at least 12 feet from the nearest other performers and audience. Audience members need to be masked and be seated in bubbles at least 6 feet from others. Free with donation requested. **Register in advance** to reserve your place - Go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for Spiritus Ensemble.