
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 10, 2021 – Thanksgiving 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 remain seated for all of service, as you are able.

*We 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 *adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst*

One: Come and worship, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

All: let's praise God together!

One: For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:

All: let's praise God together!

One: For embracing us in sorrow,
uniting us for when we become divided,
restoring hope when it is robbed of us,
and enabling us to be grateful
for when we can only see what we lack,

All: let's praise God together!

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everywhere the sun shines,

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Opening Prayer

**All: God of this moment,
Jesus, whose teachings transcend time,
Holy Spirit who holds us together:
with astonishment, we see that you renew our
strength constantly.**

**Allow us not to forget your presence,
even in adversity.**

**And, in our turn, we will renew our gratefulness
and we will sing of your love. Amen**

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.

Hymn

Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

Refrain ***Make a joyful noise all the earth!***

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

1 *Know that your God has made you.*

Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.

Worship your God with a song! Refrain

2 *Enter these gates, thanks giving.*

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song! Refrain

3 *Ages through endless ages,*

seasons of endless years,

the love of our Maker ever shall endure.

Worship your God with a song! Refrain

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

²⁰ "Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy." ²¹ Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." ²² But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions. ²³ Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" ²⁴ His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom!

²⁵ It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

²⁶ They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God." ²⁸ Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news ³⁰ will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."

Anthem

We Gather Together

(Edward Kremser)

Soloist: Jennifer Carter

Reflection

1 *For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,*

Refrain **God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

2 *For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, Refrain*

3 *For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, Refrain*

4 *For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Refrain*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

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

One: Great God who calls us to belonging,
Who delights in curiosity, invention, ingenuity.
Praise be for minds that bend and flex despite
restriction, for bodies that signal love by staying apart.
Praise be for neighbours talking across fences,
calling from balconies, waving through windows,

for greetings that cross the space between us.
Praise be for strangers, careful on footpaths,
for children asking their questions,
for truth tellers who earn our trust and speak to our fear.
Praise be for friends who warn and chide and
encourage, for human warmth in time of distance.
Praise be. Make us thankful people we pray. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn Let All Things Now Living VU 242

**1 *Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.***

**2 *By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.***

Commissioning

*** 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 We have returned to indoor services. Sign-up, masks, & distancing are required. Attendance is limited with a waiting list for cancellations. Register online at <https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9> or on our website: sjruc.ca

- Sign up your “bubble,” - if you drive someone to church or socialize outside of church register as one group and sit together.
- Phone sign-up is available through the office for those unable to access the internet. Leave a message with your phone number so we can confirm your registration with you.
- 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). Do not include Sunday School children in the sign up for attending in the Sanctuary.
- 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 as spaces become available.
- In the church building please observe the distancing markers on the walls and floors and follow traffic flow indicators. Enter only the Sherwood Ave. doors.

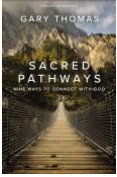
Announcements



Christian Education: Drop your children off at the door near the fenced playground at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays for childrens’ story time, worship, crafts, and play (indoor & outdoor). We will be using the downstairs Sunday School Room (formerly the Preschool). Masks and distancing required. Please pre-register your children online at rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9 or on our website: sjruc.ca

We need volunteers to assist with the activity centers (no requirement to teach or know content). If you can help please speak to Mearle M ce@sjruc.ca or Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca .

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, Oct. 24 at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener.** Two performances, **3:30 pm & 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 masked and seated in bubbles at least 6 feet apart. Free with donation requested. **Register in advance** to reserve your place: Go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for Spiritus Ensemble.

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