
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



June 5, 2022 - Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

*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 Tim Graves*

One: Come and worship!

All: We praise the One between, within, and over.

One: We trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now,
and the will-be.

**All: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive
love calling us to do the same.**

One: We follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**All: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls
us to co-create justice for the oppressed,
feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome
strangers, orphans, and widows.**

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and
inclusive.

**All: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages.
We worship together!**

Opening Prayer

One: Generous God, you are the source of all life, creating
and sustaining every living thing. You are the source
of all food, material and spiritual, nourishing us in both
body and soul. You are the light that goes before us,
shining into the darkness, inspiring passionate hope
even in the midst of despair.

May we be filled with your breath, nourished by your
blessing, renewed by your living presence, and
sustained by your love.

With hope and expectation we pray together,

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

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU375

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Refrain ***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.***

***1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.*** Refrain

***2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.***

Refrain

***3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind.*** Refrain

***4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.*** Refrain

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Acts 2**

Anthem **Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope** (D. Angerman, D. Nolan)

On the morning of May 22, 2011, the choir of Peace Lutheran Church, Joplin Missouri, sang an anthem composed by David Angerman. Later that day an EF5 tornado ripped through Joplin destroying Peace Lutheran Church along with a third of the city. On the Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2013, the second anniversary weekend of the tornado, Peace held its first worship service in its new church building. This anthem was composed for the Peace choir to sing for the joyous dedication of the new building on June 23, 2013.

Lord, You are God, in the tempest and the gale.

Lord, You alone are God and your mercies never fail.

For your love is everlasting and your peace can calm our fears

Lord, Your grace is like an ark sailing through a sea of tears.

Spirit, Holy, come and fill this house with grace,

Spirit, Worthy, we are one in Your embrace.

Spirit, come inhabit all our praise.

As we worship and we pray, help us Lord, to find our way.

Spirit, come renew our hearts today.

Spirit, Holy You are faithful, You are true.

Jesus, Worthy, all our joy begins with You.

Spirit, come empower all we do.

Make this church a welcome place

filled with mercy, love and grace

Spirit, come refresh our faith today.

Come, Spirit, shower us with promise and with love.

Restore our lives, refresh our faith.

Stretch out Your rainbow of assurance before us.

Descend with power on this place.

Spirit, Holy, come and fill this house with grace,

Spirit, Worthy, we are one in Your embrace.

Spirit, come inhabit all our praise.

Breathe in us a mighty wind, help this church to live again,

Spirit, come restore our hope today.

Spirit, come refresh our faith.

Spirit, come renew our hearts today.

Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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As Offering is Brought Forward **We Gather Here** VU469

**1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.**

**2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.**

**3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

Dedication of the Offering

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion *using the various
Statements of Faith from the United Church of Canada*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn **This is God's Wondrous World** VU296

**1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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)

Postlude

Announcements

Executive Update As a result of our meeting on May 3, registration is no longer necessary to attend Worship. **We are still requiring masks for those able to wear them, and strongly encourage social distancing.** In the pews, we encourage you to continue to sit by a cone. Recognising that everyone is at a different comfort level, if you find yourself closer to someone than you're comfortable with, you are welcome to find another spot. If you feel moved to sing, we ask that you do so quietly behind your mask.

Christian Education: Next Sunday is our year end party! Drop your children off at the door near the fenced playground at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays for a celebration of the youth-filled joys that lift our spirits! Masks & distancing required. Starting June 19th, children are invited to sit with their families in worship.

Annual Congregational Meeting June 12th at 10:30am.

We will be trying something new for this Annual meeting - combining it with our regular worship service. Please plan to join us for our meeting in the Sanctuary as we both honour the work of 2020 & 2021 and make plans for 2022. During the meeting, the children will be gathering as usual for Sunday School, as they too will be celebrating with their year-end party!

Annual Reports are available at the back of the Sanctuary in the Narthex. We ask that you only take one per household for the time being, until we're sure everyone has one. With the Annual reports are copies of the Financial Statements from 2020. Please take one of these as well, and ensure you bring them both back for our Annual General Meeting on June 12th.

Spring Fling The women of SJR are having a "Spring Fling" luncheon on Tuesday, June 14th at 11:30am on the Labyrinth. We will be ordering Box Lunches from DeliWorks. Check out the bulletin board by the office for your choices!! Bring a chair and your sun hat and join us for good food and conversation. Please call Muriel or Jan and book your lunch box before June 6th. Put your payment in an envelope marked "SPRING FLING" and drop it off at the church. All Lunch Boxes must be prepaid.

Library Update Brenda is looking at creating an area in the library for "Memories of Olivet." For those that don't know, when the congregation of Olivet United closed, we were lucky that many of them joined us at SJR. Brenda is looking for any memory that they would like to share and have in a section dedicated to Olivet. This can include anything they are willing to part with as example any correspondence, reports, pictures. Please speak to Brenda if you're willing to contribute.

Prayer in the Park Today, Sunday, June 5th, 1:30-4:30pm
at Victoria Park, Kitchener, by the Clock Tower. Come with your churches, friends, and neighbours and together let's invite the Kingdom of God to fill and break out in Waterloo Region. An encounter with God changes everything.

Summer at SJR This summer, Rev. Chris will be taking a sabbatical from the ministry at SJR from July 1st until September 30th. Sabbaticals are an opportunity for not just the minister to rest, learn and regroup especially after these last two years, but also a chance for the congregation to explore and experience different gifted preachers from our local area. And so we're excited to share with you our summer plans. In the past, we've joined with local congregations, and while we didn't do that officially this year, we hope they'll join us over the summer!

July (Emergency pastoral care— Rev. Gary Clark, Forest Hill)
3rd, 10th, 17th – Teresa Carse, Licensed Lay Worship Leader
24th – Karen Cartmell, Licensed Lay Worship Leader
31st – Teresa Carse

August (Emergency pastoral care – Rev. Tim Graham, Calvary)
7th – Teresa Carse
14th, 21st, 28th – Karen Cartmell

September (Emergency pastoral care—Rev. Andrea Allan, Westminster)
4th – Rev. Marilyn Burnard
11th, 18th – Karen Cartmell
25th – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

During this time as well, Rev. Roz Vincent-Haven has agreed to be the pastoral charge supervisor available for any meetings necessary during Rev. Chris' absence.

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