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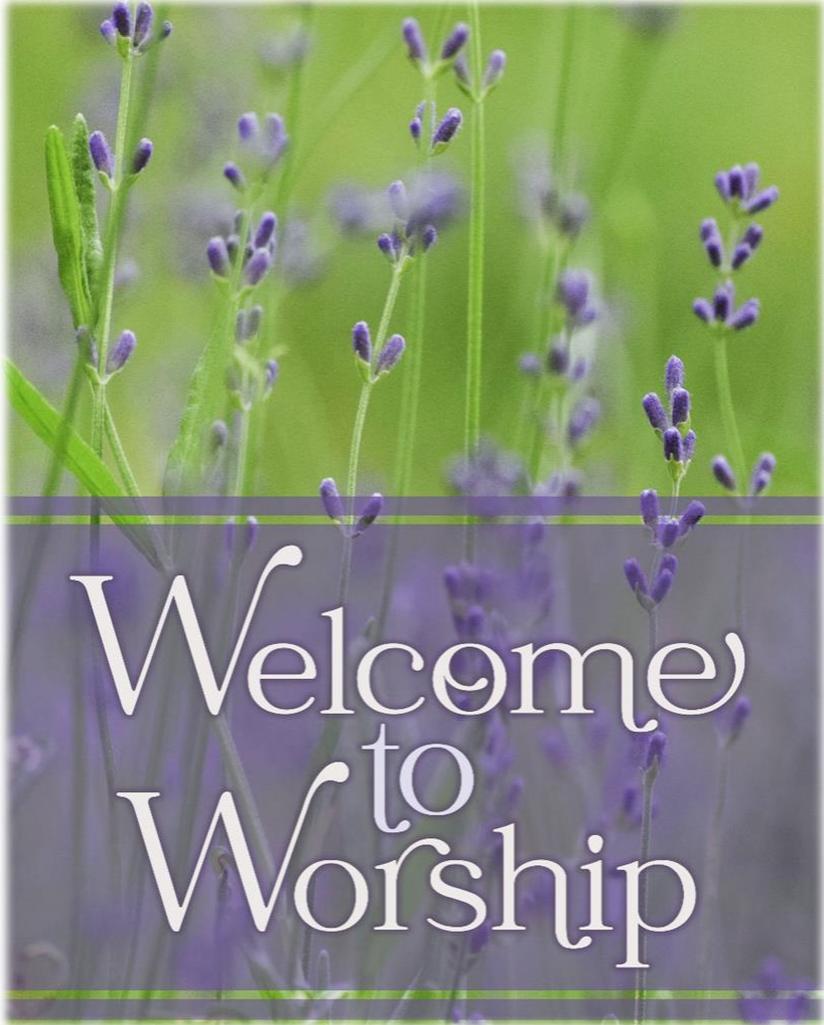
# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**July 24, 2022**  
**Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell, LLWL**

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**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 and Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Community *(adapted from C Tovell, Used with permission)*

One: Come to this place to hear the stories of women in the Bible.

**All: We come in ardent anticipation.**

One: Come to this place to hear songs that tell of love and joy and hope.

**All: We come with open hearts.**

One: Come to this place to witness the beauty created by the Holy Spirit working among God's people.

**All: We come ready to hear the Spirit's call in our lives.**

One: We come to worship God!

Opening Hymn **Spirit of Gentleness**

VU 375

Opening Prayer *(adapted from K Boivin, Used with permission)*

One: Holy God, we are here because we wish

**All: To make a start to a week that will be centred in you.**

One: Let the prayers, the scripture reading, and the hymns

**All: Nourish our souls and prepare us for our week.**

One: We wish to savour in our hearts this feeling of worshipful living

**All: Making it easier to find it amidst the tasks of daily life.**

One: We hope to store your wisdom in our minds

**All: So that it informs our words and actions in the days to come.**

One: We ask all of this,

**All: As we pray in the name of Jesus, the one who draws us close to one another and to you. Amen**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Contemporary Reading: "Choices of God" by Andrew King

Prayer of Illumination

One: Come, listen to stories of women of faith from long ago;

**All: We are ready to listen.**

One: Come with open hearts to hear God's Word;

**All: We open our hearts to God.**

One: Come, Spirit of God,

**All: Bless us as we pray and listen to new interpretations,**

**So that we might learn and be inspired. Amen**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 8: 1-3

Music for Reflection

Reflection

Hymn

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

VU 567

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

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.***

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Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn **Long Before My Journey's Start** MV 32

One: Benediction and Commissioning

And now into God's world we go -

As we leave this place of worship

**We remember the women from Galilee, and the significant role they played in Jesus' ministry,**

**We remember that there is more than one way to tell a story,**

**We look around us, and know that there are stories everywhere, just waiting to be told.**

One: So go from here, your soul filled,  
Ready to live a different life  
Remembering to look out for the stories in our world.  
And that God will be with us always.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

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

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## Announcements

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**Executive Update** for the summer we are encouraging masks for those able to wear them and trying to social distance. We encourage you to continue to sit by a cone - 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.

**Summer at SJR:** We will be meeting here at SJR for in-person worship every Sunday morning at **10:30 a.m.** all summer. While Rev. Chris is taking a sabbatical from ministry, we're excited to have these individuals sharing in worship with us!

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** – Teresa Carse - Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.  
*(Emergency pastoral care: Rev. Gary Clark, Forest Hill 226-963-1175)*

**August** - Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.  
*(Emergency pastoral care: Rev. Tim Graham, Calvary 226-218-3322)*

7<sup>th</sup> – Teresa Carse  
14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> – Karen Cartmell

**September** - Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.  
*(Emergency pastoral care: Rev. Andrea Allan, Westminster 519-301-7864)*

4<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Marilyn Burnard  
11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> – Karen Cartmell  
25<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

*Rev. Roz Vincent-Haven has agreed to be the pastoral charge supervisor available for any meetings necessary during Rev. Chris' absence.*

*The SJRUC Office will be staffed intermittently - email will be monitored regularly.*