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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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Worship Leader: Teresa Carse, LLWL

Welcome to worship!

*Today we celebrate all creatures, great and small.
We rejoice with all living things and give thanks our lives are richer
because of their presence.*

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. We acknowledge their care of the
land and give our thanks for their conservancy.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: All things bright and beautiful

All: All creatures great and small,

One: All things wise and wonderful –

All: In love God made them all.

One: God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell,
how great is God our maker,

All: Who has made all things well.

One: Come, let us worship the God of all creation.

Opening Words

Opening Hymn **All Creatures of Our God and King** VU217

Verses 1, 2 & 5

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Bright burning sun with golden beam

Soft shining moon with silver gleam

**Sing praises, sing praises, Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!**

**O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride and winds a loft,
Sing praises hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice
Sing praises, sing praises, Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness
Sing praises hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Sing praises, sing praises, Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah**

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Story Time Blessing the Animals

*Young people are invited to go to Sunday School after the
Blessing of the Animals*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Story and Hymn

Two Readings from Genesis

- -The story we know.
- -The newly discovered chapter: Where do pets come from?

Hymn (*remain seated*) **Jesus, Our Brother** VU 56, vs 1,2

**Jesus our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother, kind and good.**

**“I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
“I carried his mother uphill and down.
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town.
I,” said the donkey shaggy and brown.**

Reading

Hymn (*remain seated*) **Jesus, Our Brother** VU 56, vs 3,4

**“I,” said the cow, all white and red,
“I gave him my manger for his bed.
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I,” said the cow all white and red.**

**“I,” said the sheep with curly horn,
“I gave him my wool for his blanket warm.
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I,” said the sheep with curly horn.**

Reading

Hymn (*remain seated*) **Jesus, Our Brother** VU 56, vs 5,6

**“I,” said the dove from rafters high,
“I cooed him to sleep, so he should not cry.
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.
I,” said the dove from rafters high.**

**Thus every beast by some good spell,
in the stable dark was glad to tell
of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
the gift he gave Emmanuel.**

Reading

Music for Reflection **“The Lone Wild Bird”** *arr. Jessica Nelson*
Duet: Simone Lemieux and Roland Kessler
Flute: Crystal Fallis

Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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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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Offering Prayer

All: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the animals and other creatures that have enriched our lives. Amen.

Closing Prayers

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

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

VU 296

- 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

Go out into God's Wondrous world.
 Love one another. Love all creatures as kin,
 all animals as partners on earth,
 all birds as messengers of praise,
 all minute beings as expressions of God's mysterious
 design and all frogs as voices of hope.
 Go now, in peace, in faith and in love of all of creation.

Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace** *(Written by Besig & Price 1988)*

***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.***

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

Postlude



Special thanks to Crystal Fallis, Simone Lemieux,
 and Roland Kessler, for our special music this morning.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Oct. 2 - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Chris
- Sept 28 –Faith Study "Messy People" - Parlour 7-9 pm *(masks required)*
- Now – Oct 13th – Food Bank Food Drive

Check the bulletin boards and visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events.

***For the month of September if you're in need of emergency
 pastoral care contact: Rev. Andrea Allan at 519-301-7864***

IN OUR CHURCH



Thanks SJR! Thanks to all who donated treasures and to all who made cash donations for our Garage Sale in support of Mission and Outreach! Thanks to all who sorted the treasures, to all who priced the treasures, and to all who sold them. And thanks to the volunteers who carted the extra items away to be recycled. We couldn't have done it without you! Another successful Garage Sale!

Fall Food Drive: Due to high inflation the Waterloo Regional Food Bank is straining to meet the basic nutritional needs of a growing number of families within our region. During our initial food drive earlier in 2022 we were able to deliver cheques totaling \$1,055, and 200 lbs of food to the Food Bank. Our 2nd food drive of 2022 for the Food Bank is planned to take place **now until Thursday, October 13th**. Boxes are set up in the church at the usual locations to collect food items, and a pickup truck will be parked in the church parking lot on Thursday, October 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to collect additional food items. The need is great, so let's work together to make this a very successful fundraiser!



A new Faith Study starts this Wednesday! Join us on **Wednesday, September 28th** as we resume our Faith Study with "**Messy People - Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes**" by Jennifer Cowart. God loves to use messy people! In this six-week study, we will dig into the lives of biblical heroes who were messy people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. We will meet in the **Parlour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Masks are required. Please bring your own drink. Please RSVP to Jan.

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Gather & Gab on hold for now: We are *not yet* resuming our Sunday Gather and Gab. In the meantime, we are looking for a coordinator for the Gather & Gab. Duties would include purchasing/stocking coffee, tea, juice boxes, cups, plates, napkins, scheduling volunteers. If you can help, please let Brenda M



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Calvary Memorial is celebrating its 100th Anniversary the weekend of **Oct. 1st and 2nd**. Our guest preacher is Rev. Michael Blair (our United Church of Canada General Secretary). We realize that we all have our worship services on the 2nd and we wanted to provide an opportunity for the wider church to have to hear from Michael and engage in conversation with him. So, on **Saturday night Oct. 1st, from 7 pm to 8 pm**, Michael will be presenting "**For such a time as this: discerning our calling**" and then having a time to chat with everyone there."

Colour Me

