
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 2, 2022 – World Communion Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome!

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 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 Liebster Jesu, wir sind heir *J.S. Bach*
(*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*)

* Opening Hymn **Though Ancient Walls** VU 691

Call to Worship

One: We gather around the Table in places far and near

Organ Side: Eating Sourdough, Rye, Tortillas

Window Side: Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread—

All: The body of Christ.

One: Drinking the wine or the juice

Organ Side: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Window Side: golden spoons and little mini cups—

All: The blood of Christ.

One: The bread and cup remind us of the hope and dreams of Jesus. May we be united with all who would follow him.

Organ Side: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Window Side: This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

Opening Prayer *written by Len Sweet*

One: Wondrous God
of infinite love and boundless compassion.
Mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork
Create within us the joy of being in your presence.
Stitch into our souls the desire to serve,
the power to heal,
and the capacity to love deeply and genuinely.
Mold us into reservoirs of hope,
that we might pour out your bountiful blessings
upon all of your people.

May this time we partake of the body and blood of
Jesus unite us in the community of saints who know
your love and proclaim your Son with fervor and grace
to a broken and hurting world.

May your healing hands be the salve
for ending hurt and violence in this world,
even as we prepare for the next.
In the holy Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(read and prayed slowly together)*

**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.**

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

*Youth and Children are invited to
head out to Sunday School!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) 2 Timothy 1:3-14

³ I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. ⁴ When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. ⁵ I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. ⁶ Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled. ⁸ So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. ⁹ God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on God's own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰ Now God's grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. ¹¹ I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. ¹² This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. ¹³ Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Anthem

To Sing Once More

(Craig Courtney)

*Awake our souls to sing once more
The songs that long have silent been.
From troubled nights and fearful days,
Our notes of praise and joy begin.*

*Inspired by hope, compelled by grace,
We sing Your everlasting praise.
Most holy God, your song we seek
And trust in Your unchanging ways.*

*With comfort, your eternal voice
Is music to our fainting soul.
It speaks in times of hurt and wrong,
It whispers peace, it makes us whole.*

*Arise, God's children, rise again,
Your God and maker now adore.
No longer silent, lift your voice,
Awake your souls to sing once more.*

Reflection

Protect this good thing

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

VU 602

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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* 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 **You Shall Go Out with Joy**

VU 884

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

Wer nur den lieben Gott

J.S. Bach

(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Oct. 9 - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Chris
- Oct. 5 – 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.

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care

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IN OUR CHURCH

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!



Faith Study Join us on ***Wednesday, in the Parlour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.*** 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 dig into the lives of biblical heroes who were messy people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. Masks are required. Please bring your own drink. Please RSVP to Jan via email or call 519-741-0061 and leave a message if you plan to attend.

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 Michi know: brendamichi@yahoo.ca



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Forest Hill United Church Winter Wonderland Bazaar 2022 - November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Looking for Vendors! We're back with loads of baking, Christmas cookies, preserves and crafts. Now accepting vendors for the bazaar. If interested, please email Donna at dddech@rogers.com or call the church office at 519-744-3481.

Colouring Page

