
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 9, 2022 – 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 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 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

(Johann Christoph Bach)

* Opening Hymn **Now Thank We All Our God** VU 236

Call to Worship *written by Richard Bott*

One: Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!
Sounds of hope and love!

**All: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: Adonai is our God. Our creator.
We are God's people, led by God's love.

**All: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: Enter God's house thanks giving.
Enter God's house full of praise!

**All: These are moments of thanksgiving –
thanks giving to our God!**

One: God's love is never ending.

All: God is good! Alleluia!

One: On this day of the harvest –

**All: we bring our gifts to you, God.
You have brought us into this place
and shared with us this land,
a land flowing with milk and honey,
a land flowing with maple syrup,**

**Bless this thanksgiving, offered now to you!
In Christ's name, we ask it. May it be so.**

Opening Prayer

One: Great Spirit, source of our gratitude and inspiration of our thanksgiving, give us hearts to understand; never to take from creation's beauty more than we give never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed, never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty never to take from her what we cannot use. Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to hurt ourselves and create confusion that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty that as we care for her she will care for us. 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.**

Story Time

Hymn **Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving** MV185

*Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today! (repeat)*

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (The Message) Luke 17:11-19

¹¹⁻¹³ It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

Anthem

Praise to God

(Mark G. Sirett)

*Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ.
All to thee, our God we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.*

*All the plenty summer pours,
autumn's rich overflowing stores;
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
yellow sheaves of ripened grain;
Lord for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of thy best;
And by deeds of kindly love,
for thy mercies grateful prove.
Singing thus through all our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise.*

Reflection

Your faith has healed and saved you

Solo

Thou Art God

(Lionel Bourne)

Autumn Debassige, Alto

*Thou art the peace of all things calm,
Thou art the place to hide from harm,
Thou art the light that shines in dark,
Thou art the heart's eternal spark,
Thou art the door that's open wide,
Thou art the guest who waits inside,
Thou art the stranger at the door,
Thou art the calling of the poor.*

*Thou art peace, Thou art calm, Thou art my love,
Thou art my Lord and with me still,
Thou art my love, keep me from ill,
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.
Thou art my Saviour this day,
Thou art my Saviour this very day.*

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

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

As Those of Old

VU 518

* Commissioning

One: Every day is a day of thanksgiving!
God as we walk faithful into our world,
may our gratitude help heal all that is broken,
may our faithful living help all that are despairing,
and may peace come through all we do.

* 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

Now Thank We All Our God

(J.S. Bach)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Oct. 11 – Committee Meetings 7pm, Unified Board 8pm
- Oct. 12 – Faith Study "Messy People" - Parlour 7-9 pm (*masks required*)
- Oct 13 – Food Bank Food Drive 6-7:30pm
– Choir 7:30pm-9pm
- Oct. 16 - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Chris

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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SJRUC Covid Measures Update

Ontario has taken measures to live with and manage COVID-19 for the long term - we all need to do our part to protect ourselves and each other, especially during respiratory illness season. At our recent Executive meeting, we have decided to move forward and adopt the recommendations from Ontario Public Health. This includes practicing good hand hygiene, **wearing a mask if you choose to because you feel it is right for you or if required by a doctor**, physically distancing yourself from others if you choose, staying home if you are sick, and staying up to date on vaccinations. **For those who are more comfortable with remaining socially distanced, several pews at the back of the Sanctuary have been reserved for you.**

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 taking place ***now until this Thursday, October 13th***. Boxes are set up in the church at the usual locations to collect food items. **Also, 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 if you plan to attend.

United Church Bears: The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee is selling toy bears with the United Church of Canada emblem on them to support our UCW - funds will be directed to Mission & Service. Look for us just before and after church located near the Nursery. The bears will be \$10 each while they last.

Gather & Gab on hold for now: We are *not yet* resuming our Sunday Gather and Gab, however, we are looking for a coordinator for the Gather & Gab. Duties include purchasing & stock of coffee, tea, juice boxes, cups, plates, etc. scheduling volunteers. Can you help? Please contact Brenda M or the church office



UCW Gathering: “One More Step Along the Way...” There is an ‘in-person’ gathering of all United Church Women from the WOW Region on Saturday, November 5th beginning at 11:30am. at Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs. The Guest Speaker is Ann Harbridge, DLM. Bring your lunch; hot beverages are provided. Come and enjoy the 60th Anniversary Cake! The Program goes from 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. No registration required. Call Jan for more information.

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.

Just for Fun



1. WHAT IS IT CALLED WHEN A TURKEY FUMBLES IN FOOTBALL ?

(ANSWER: FOWL PLAY)

2. WHAT IS A TURKEY'S FAVORITE DESSERT ?

(ANSWER: PEACH GOBLER)



3. WHAT SOUND DOES A TURKEY'S PHONE MAKE ?



(ANSWER: WIND WINGS / WING WINGS)

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