
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



October 16, 2022

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

Gymnodie No. 1

(Erik Satie)

* Opening Hymn

Praise God for the Harvest

VU517

Call to Worship *written by David Sparks*

One: Don't give up; God is with you.

All: When trouble comes, we will not despair.

One: Don't give up; God is with you.

All: When faith is tested, we will endure.

One: Don't give up; God is with you.

**All: When friends go their own way,
we will respect their reasons.**

One: Don't give up; God is with you.

**All: When injustice is clear,
we will speak and act for the just way.**

One: Don't give up; God is with you.

**All: God is our companion in the hard places,
we will trust God. Amen**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Joanna Harader*

One: Holy One, dwell within us. Whisper in our ears;
Glimmer in our vision; Write upon our hearts.
Help us to wait; make us a patient people.
May our anxiety rest in your unending love.
We wait with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.

Silence

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

Come to My Heart

VU 661

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 18:1-8

1-3 Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!' 4-5 "He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice—otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.'" 6-8 Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

Anthem **The Time for Turning** (arr. Craig Courtney)

*To everything a season, to everything a time;
a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.*

*As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,
there comes a time for turning to every living things.*

*The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound.
The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.*

*The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow.
And so to all a season, a time for letting go.*

*Now is the time for turning and this the place to start;
for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;
a moment to surrender the things we should release,
forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace,
and in forgiveness, peace.*

Reflection never quit

Hymn **How Firm a Foundation** VU 660

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 **What a Friend we Have in Jesus** VU 664

* Commissioning *written by David Sparks*

One: Go from here as those who will not give up or give in:

All: constant, when the world is changing;
listened to, when the clamour is loudest;
prepared, when others are uncertain;
Unafraid, when fear reigns;
Steady, when many are wavering;
Compassionate, when others are serving
themselves;
Faithful, in times when faith counts for little

One: Go with determination.
Go supporting each other.
Go with love, and God goes with you.

* 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 Rondeau *(Jean Joseph Mouret)*

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***Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available
in the Narthex for you to take home or share.***

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Oct. 19 – Faith Study "Messy People" - Parlour 7-9 pm *(masks required)*
- Oct. 20 – Choir 7:30pm-9pm
- Oct. 23 - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Chris

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

***If you are in need of emergency pastoral care
please contact: Rev. Chris Fickling:***

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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



Ellen Edwards is celebrating her **90th** Birthday tomorrow, October 17th! Please reach out and share in her special day!

Cookie Walk this year? Yes/No? We're trying to decide if we have enough interest and volunteers to run a Cookie Walk this year on Dec. 3rd. If you would be interested in baking and/or volunteering, please sign the sheet in the Narthex or contact Christine M

Fall Food Drive Thank you to all who supported the Food Bank collection! Together we collected 310 pounds of food and a \$50 gift certificate by Friday, Oct. 14th and we expect to donate a substantial amount of money once the monetary donations are processed. Our next focus will begin Nov. 6 as we support oneRoof Youth services.



Need a Name Tag? Add your name to the list in the Narthex or contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002

Transportation assistance: If anyone in the congregation needs information about arranging transportation to the church for services, please reach out to members of our Pastoral Care Committee and we will guide you through the request process. Additionally, if anyone is aware of a member that may need assistance also reach out to our committee. Email the church office



Nursery Helpers Needed! Can you help in the Nursery?
If so, please contact Christine Mitchell

United Church Bears: The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee is selling stuffed 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 & after church located near the Nursery. The bears will be \$10 ea. while they last.



Gather & Gab: *We are hoping to resume in November on a monthly basis – possibly more often if we have volunteers!* We are also still looking for a *coordinator* for the Gather & Gab. Can you help? Let Brenda Michi know

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. Guest Speaker: 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 @ 519-741-0061 for more information.

Faith Study Join us ***Wednesdays, in the Parlour at 7 p.m*** for our Faith Study with ***“Messy People - Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes”*** Masks required. Bring your own drink. RSVP to Jan via email or call 519-741-0061 - leave a message if you plan to attend.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mass Choir Invitation: Trinity United, Kitchener is inviting interested members of choirs to join us for a special afternoon of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 4th at 3pm. If you would like to join this mass choir contact: office@trinityunitedkw.ca by Nov 7th.

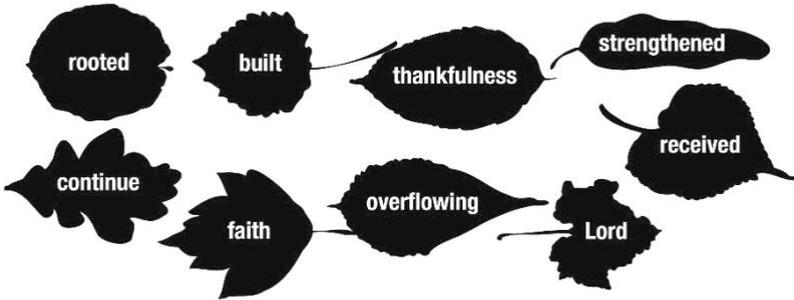
Forest Hill United Church Winter Wonderland Bazaar 2022 - November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Looking for Vendors! We're back with loads of baking, Christmas cookies, preserves and crafts. Now accepting vendors for the bazaar. If interested, please email Donna at dddech@rogers.com or call the church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



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
 What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness