
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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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

Prelude in C major

(J.S. Bach)

* Opening Hymn **Gather Us In** v1 choir, v2-4 all
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1 *Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.*

*See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.*

*Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

2 *We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.*

*We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.*

*Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song*

3 *Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters*

*Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion*

*Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

4 *Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Call to Worship *written by David Sparks*

One: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.
This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.
It is the place where God reaches down
into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.
This is no ordinary gathering.
This is no ordinary place:
this is the house and people of God.

Opening Prayer *written by John van de Laar*

One: So many voices trumpet their greatness,
so many images boast of their beauty,
flaunt their power, squander their wealth;
and all too many of them do so in your name, Jesus.
And here we are in a world which is daily broken
by the foolish arrogance of people just like us;
And so we pray for the healing of humility
to flood every corner of our world:
wherever there is exploitation

All: and God-imaged people are dehumanised;

One: wherever there is neglect

All: and the needs of the poorest are ignored;

One: wherever there is disdain,

All: and the sacred value of creatures and earth are denied;

One: wherever there is violence,

All: and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.

One: Wherever people are tempted to think of themselves as better than others, more worthy, more deserving, more important to you,

All: may your humility break in and challenge us, reminding us of our brokenness and need, and teaching us to serve and to love everyone with the grace and humility that comes from life shared in Jesus...

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 (CEB) 2 Timothy 1:3-14

⁹⁻¹² He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: 'Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.'¹³ "Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, 'God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.'"

¹⁴ Jesus commented, “This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you’re going to end up flat on your face, but if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.”

Anthem **There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy** (Bruce Davis)
Soloist: Lucy Gill

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings
have such kindly judgement given.
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea.*

*There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
Souls of men, why will ye scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will ye wander
from a love so true and deep?
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man’s mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea.*

Reflection If you’re content to be simply yourself...

Hymn **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive** VU 364

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 **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing** VU559

* Commissioning

One: Be at peace

within yourselves and with others,
that peace may spread into our world
and into every heart.

* 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

Croft's 136th

(C. Hylton Stewart)

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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. 26 – Faith Study "Messy People" - Parlour 7-9 pm (*masks required*)
- Oct. 27 – Choir 7:30pm-9 pm
- Oct. 30 - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Karen Cartmell, LLWL, MTS
- Nov. 6 – Remembrance Sunday 10:30 a.m. Karen Cartmell, LLWL, MTS
- Nov. 13 –Worship at Christ the King for their special Anniversary Service
9:45am Hymn Sing, 10am Service - 167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener
There will be no service at SJRUC

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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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARYS

***Our heartfelt & best wishes to Marilyn G who celebrates her
83rd birthday today, October 23rd,
and to Art G who is turning 87 on October 31st.
Also, on September 6th Art & Marilyn celebrated
travelling life's pathways together for 64 years!***



***Best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to
Ron R who is turning 90 tomorrow, October 24th.***

SJRUC Covid Measures Update

At our most recent Executive meeting, we decided to echo statements from Ontario Public Health to encourage 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. ***If you feel you are seated too close to someone, please feel comfortable to find another spot.***

IN OUR CHURCH

Membership Sunday We will be having a Membership Sunday this fall! We also hope to be starting Confirmation classes for youth 12 yrs old and up. Please speak to Rev. Chris or contact the office. We are pleased share in your journey of faith and hope you will make St. James'~Rosemount United Church your home.

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

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



Be a Stamp Saver for the Leprosy Mission! Christmas is a great time to obtain used stamps from parcels & cards. A half inch cut around used stamps is ideal. Post cards, especially old (1920 & prior) are also very useful with or without stamps. Place them in the caring bin in the wooden cabinet in the cloak room behind the narthex. Your contributions make a difference! Questions? Contact Jim O

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

Transportation assistance: If anyone needs information about arranging transportation to the church for services, please reach out to our Pastoral Care Committee and we will guide you through the request process: Brenda M, Margaret S, Muriel S, and Carol W. or email the church office mail@sjruc.ca

Nursery Helpers Needed! Can you help in the Nursery? If so, please contact the church office



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.

UCW Gathering: "One More Step Along the Way..." An 'in-person' gathering of United Church Women from the WOW Region on Saturday, Nov. 5th beginning at 11:30 am. at Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs. Guest Speaker: Ann Harbridge, DLM. Bring your lunch; hot beverages provided. Come and enjoy the 60th Anniversary Cake! The Program goes from 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. No registration required. Call Jan O or the church office 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 the church office.

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 UC Winter Wonderland Bazaar 2022 Nov. 12, 9 a.m. 1 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.