
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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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

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (J.S. Bach)

Call to Community *(based on Hebrews 12:1, adapted from Desperate Preachers website)*

One: We gather today, on this Sunday before All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Day, and remember...

One: We remember, O God

**All: The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

One: We remember, O God

**The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God

**All: The supreme love of Jesus,
Which is shown in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember all the saints of God who have shown us faith and love and hope.

**All: As we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

* Opening Hymn **For All the Saints** (vs 1,4,5) VU 705

Opening Prayer *(from Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day -Year A, published by Woodlake Publishing.)*

One: In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and

All: we come to be your people, O God.

One: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Time for the Young at Heart: **The Pumpkin Prayer**

Dear God:

As I carve this pumpkin, I ask that you:

Open my mind so I can learn about You,

Remove seeds of misunderstanding too.

Open my eyes so Your love I will see,

And forgive me for turning up my nose

to things you have given me.

Open my ears so Your word I will hear,

And open my mouth to tell others You are near.

O God, let Your light shine in me

So that all my friends can see. Amen

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

(Modified from Sheryl Spencer, Gathering, A/C/E 2017-8, p44, used with permission)

One: God of long ago, God of present day,
God in whom the future lies:

**All: We come seeking a word for the day,
A light for our way.**

One: In the ancient words of scripture,
We hear you, the word of life.

**All: Fill us with your word.
Illuminate us, and guide us on our journey,
so that we can become the people
we are called to be. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: ***Ephesians 1: 1-12***

Anthem

O Jesus, I Have Promised

(Barrie Cabena)

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

Reflection

All Saints and Our Saints

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

VU 710

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Our Offerings are Blessed (Donate online at sjruc.ca)



* Offering Response *(Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter)*

***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.***

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

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.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **When the Saints Go Marching In**

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun, begins to shine,
And when the sun, begins to shine,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when the trumpet, sounds its call
Oh, when the trumpet, sounds its call,
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the trumpet sounds its call.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

* Benediction & Commissioning

One: And now into God's world we go,
Let us live wholeheartedly;

All: God calls us to use our own special talents and gifts.

One: Let us live adventurously;

All: God calls us, like the saints before us, to go into uncharted places, and take some calculated risks

One: Let us live faithfully;

All: Surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us

One: Let us live compassionately;

All: God calls us to notice and to work alongside those who have been ignored or forgotten.

One: As we go from this time of worship, may we be inspired to live as God calls us to live.

May we go knowing that God goes with us
in this adventure called life.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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

St. Anne Fugue

(J.S. Bach)

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Nov. 2 Faith Study "Messy People" - Parlour 7-9 pm (*masks required*)
- Nov. 3 Choir 7:30pm-9 pm
- Nov. 6 Remembrance Sunday 10:30 a.m. Karen Cartmell, LLWL, MTS
- Nov. 13 Worship at Christ the King 9:45 am Hymn Sing, 10 am Service**

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

Rev. Chris will return in 2 weeks, in the meantime if you are in need of emergency pastoral care

please contact: Rev. John Lougheed:

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SJRUC Current Covid Measures

We are following Ontario Public Health guidelines: encouraging good hand hygiene, **wearing a mask if you choose to or if required by a doctor**, 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

Special Worship on November 13th: **SJRUC will worship at Christ the King** for their special Anniversary Service: 9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing, 10 a.m. Service - 167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener. Please sign up to stay for lunch after the service on the sheet in Narthex. **There will be no service at SJRUC on November 13th.**



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 M know

Cookie Walk this year? Yes/No? Help us decide! Would we have enough interest & volunteers to run a Cookie Walk this year on Dec. 3rd? If you would be interested in baking and/or volunteering, sign the sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office.



Transportation Assistance: If anyone needs help arranging transportation to the church services, please reach out to our Pastoral Care Committee. We will guide you through the request process:. Email inquiries to the church office



Supporting OneRoof: Beginning Sunday, November 6th, SJRUC will run our annual fundraiser on behalf of OneRoof Youth Services. The fundraiser will officially end on Thursday evening, December 8th, when a truck will be in the church parking lot from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to collect donated items for delivery. A table will be set up in the usual location to collect items, and a OneRoof Wish List will be on the table for you to observe. As the winter approaches items needed include gloves and finger mitts, winter socks, hoodies, sweatshirts (gently used), gift cards, underwear (male & female - new), winter boots (women's size 7 to 10 & men's size 10 and up). Monetary donations are greatly welcome and can be dropped off in the church mailbox or with your Sunday offerings until December 8th.

Nursery Helpers Needed! Can you be available to help in the Nursery if needed? 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 for more information.

Faith Study Join us for "**Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph**", a closed captioned four-week video study beginning on **Wednesday, November 9th 7pm to 9pm in the Parlour**. We're not that different from Joseph. He encountered circumstances that he never chose for himself, but he didn't walk away. Joseph provides a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. If you are interested in joining us please contact the church office @ 519-742-1002

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.