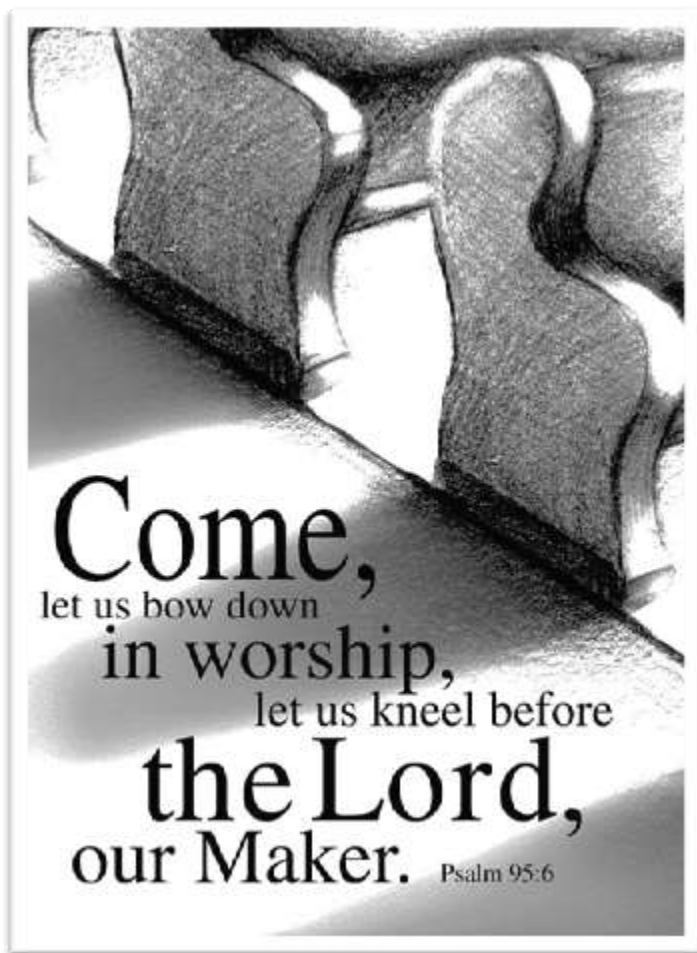

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 1, 2015 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Heather Davies & Teresa Carse

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are available: Please ask an usher**

GOD CALLS TO US – WE COME

*(Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol *)*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Prelude: **Meditation from 'Thais'** *(Jules Massenet)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Arise, shine for your light has come; and over you the
glory of God has dawned. *(Isaiah 60:1)*

* OPENING HYMN **Lord, Speak to Me** VU 589

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, listen for the word of the one who has
searched you and known you.

All: **We are ready to listen.**

One: Come, discover the one who is acquainted with all
your ways and sees your potential.

All: **We are ready to listen.**

One: Come, meet, as if for the first time, the one who
greets our discouragement with hope.

All: **We are ready to listen.**

One: Come, open your hearts to the one in whom heaven
and earth are united, and offers the transforming
vision of God's love and justice.

All: **Here we are. We are ready to listen. We are ready
to follow.**

OPENING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

One: Weaver of life, you knit together the fragments of our days into a garment of beauty.

All: Take our joys and sorrows and create a pattern with them where your love shines.

One: Weaver of life, you take our individual stories, our successes and our failures, and make of us a community in which your grace is revealed.

All: Use our diverse gifts and talents to create a quilt of radical hospitality and welcome.

One: Weaver of life, you are the thread running through all creation, all people, all that exists.

All: Give us the vision to see beyond the torn and tattered fabric of conflict, division, and endless exploitation, so that we may see the glory of your presence in all of life.

**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.

A LOOK AT LITURGY

Liturgical Year and Liturgical Colours

GOSPEL LESSON: **John 1:43-51**

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word.

* HYMN **Will You come and Follow Me** VU567
(Children come forward during the singing of last verse)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may leave for their own program)

OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Duetto (Souvenir of Beethoven) *(Stephen Heller)*

* OFFERING RESPONSE: **We Bring Our Gifts to Share**

**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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* OFFERING DEDICATION PRAYER *(unison)*

**All: All of life is in your hands, O God.
We are blessed when a small portion
is entrusted to our care.
Fill us with gratitude and enhance our generosity
that, as a community, we may live out the values,
hope, and promise that we proclaim. Amen.**

ANTHEM **The Potter's Hand** *(Darlene Zschech)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **1 Samuel 3: 1-20**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE:

"At the sound of the tone, please leave a message..."
Worship Leader: Teresa Carse

SILENCE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN **I Have Called You By Your Name** MV 161

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* CLOSING HYMN

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 509

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

based on Psalm 139

One: You know me so well, broken as I am,
yet still you accompany me into the world.

All: Use me to proclaim your loving in my living.

One: You know my inward thoughts,
yet still you trust me to share the Good News,

All: Equip me to serve as your faithful disciple.

One: You are mystery to me as well as life.

**All: Encourage me to revel in that mystery,
celebrating in wonder and in awe.**

Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson UC., Burlington, Ont., from The Gathering

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

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.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

POSTLUDE **Fugue in A Minor**

(Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau)

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Wesley United Church, Fruitland, Hamilton Presbytery

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (VU 567) was written by John L. Bell. A Church of Scotland minister, he is a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster and a former student activist. He works throughout the world, often lecturing in theological colleges but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level. Bell has produced many collections of original hymns and songs as well as two collections of songs of the World Church.

"Lord Speak to Me" (VU 589) was written by Frances Ridley Havergal in 1872. The daughter of an Anglican priest, she received a well-rounded education and was well travelled for a woman of that time. She wrote hundreds poems and hymns, many of which were set to music and published. "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" has been set to two different tunes and has been published in 356 hymnals. The tune we are using was written by Samuel Wesley, an English organist and composer who was a contemporary of Mozart. He has sometimes been referred to as "the English Mozart".

IN OUR CHURCH:

GOD'S MISSION - OUR GIFTS

January is PAR month! Pre-Authorized Remittance (P.A.R.)

Your giving for Mission & Service helps people overcome poverty, helps train new ministers, equips leaders, sends chaplains into communities, & sends mission personnel to serve M&S partners around the world. Why not participate in PAR? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table.



Book Nook: A Spirituality of Homecoming, by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Henri helps us understand following Jesus as "coming home". On display - Borrow for 3 weeks.

SJR Reads: Meet at noon in the parlour:

January 25th - 'Love Anthony' - Lisa Genova (KPL)

UCW Meeting Monday January 26 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us to hear guest speaker Mary McIntosh from the Region of Waterloo speak about her experience working as a public health nurse. All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Gathering: Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Teresa Carse (111 Dooley Drive, Kit.). Are you currently part of this ministry? Interested or curious? If you enjoy knitting/crocheting and chatting, we'd love to have you join us for this casual stitch-session. Knitters/crocheters of all skill levels and ages welcome! Patterns, yarn & needles available or bring your own. For more information contact Teresa at 519-894-5757 or email prayershaws@sjruc.ca



Two Countries, One World (TCOW) – We have reached our fundraising goal! Fiona, Heather and Veronica would like to thank you for your prayers, donations and supporting fundraising events. A special thank you to the various committees who have chosen to support their Mission Trip to Nicaragua. The Cambodian lunch will be postponed and combined with the service to share their experience.

Yes we CAN! – Trinity has asked for our help to support Syrian people currently housed in refugee camps in Turkey. We are asking your help to fill a shipping container with CANNED goods and gently worn men, women and children's winter coats/blankets. Let's help keep them warm inside and out! Boxes are located under the Mission and Outreach bulletin board across from the Rose room.

House of Friendship February 2015 is the Potato Blitz – 3 events- 3 ways to get involved! House of friendship will use 300,000 pounds of potatoes this year. You can help meet this need by giving cash or spuds at the events or at the Charles Street Men's Hostel/Emergency Food Hamper Program. See poster on the M&O bulletin board for details.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Israeli Peace Activist Jeff Halper will give a public lecture on "Imagining a Future for Israel and Palestine: Beyond Fear and Violence" **TOMORROW: Monday, January 19 at 5 p.m. at the Keffer Chapel, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary**, on the WLU campus at the corner of Albert St. & Bricker. Jeff is director of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. An academic, anthropologist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, he is on a cross-Canada tour sponsored by the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel and Independent Jewish Voices.

Our Volunteers This Week:

AV Crew	Jim
BookNook	Millie W
Counters	Cindy K, Gord A, Dana M
Ushers	Don & Anne W, Gord & Rosemary A
Gather n' Gab	Evelyn S, Vikki T
Nursery	Allison R
Sunday School	Kelly S



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan. 21 **VBS Video Bible Study** 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Jan. 25 **SJR Reads** 12:00 noon in the Parlour
- Jan. 31 **Prayer Shawl Gathering** 10 a.m. - noon
- Feb. 1 **Annual Congregational Meeting** - 12:00 noon



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