
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 25, 2015 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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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: **Idylle** *(Denis Bédard)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: In the Spirit of Christ who calls us to be the church
and to celebrate God's presence and to Worship our
God – We light this candle to symbolize Christ in our
midst while we worship.

The Christ candle is lit

All: Jesus Christ the light of the World.

* OPENING HYMN **We Are Pilgrims** VU 595

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as a distracted people. No matter where
we are, someone or something wants our attention.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: We are offered endless solutions that will make it all
clear, solve all our problems,
guarantee our happiness and success.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: The sounds of wealth, power, and status have
tremendous appeal.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: Come to this place of worship to renew the silence
and wait for God.

OPENING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**All: God of mercy,
in each second of time
you are with us:
you call us to discipleship,
you invite us into relationship
one with another
and with you, our Creator.
In the moments of this worship
may we experience your call,
your community,
your grace – and be led to respond.
Amen.**

**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:

Music / Hymns and Anthems

Scripture: Psalm 62 VU 779

* HYMN **Walk with Me** VU 649
(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: **Sancta Dorothea** (*Franz Liszt*)

* 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: We offer these gifts as a sign of our dedication to
a way of living.
Help us make this a daily commitment so that in
our lives
we might give witness to and be disciples for a
way of living
in which your love is our refuge and our strength.
Amen.**

ANTHEM **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

(R. Kevin Boesiger, arr.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

One: In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the
voice of God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

One: This is the witness of Isreal

All: Thanks be to God for the Word

GOSPEL LESSON: **Mark 1:14-20**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

MESSAGE: *“...I’d rather not!”*

SILENCE

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN **Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

VU 563

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* CLOSING HYMN **Go Make a Difference** MV 209

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: Go forth trusting the silence of God is stronger than the constant drone of voices that seek our trust.
Go forth speaking a word of liberation and freedom to all who have become captive to the enticing claims of popularity, power and wealth.

Go forth to help shape a world where those who are of little influence are valued as highly as those who acquire the status of degrees, positions, and notoriety.

Go forth with the knowledge that the justice and love of God is at work in ways unseen, but is even now bringing into being the good news that Christ proclaims.

All: We go into the world ready to live in faithfulness to your love.

* 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

Hornpipe

(Anon. - Early English)

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Grace United Church, Dunnville, Niagara Presbytery

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** for
St. James'~Rosemount United Church will be held
February 1st, after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
Bring a bag lunch & copy of the 2014 annual report
2014 Annual Reports are available in the narthex
(one per family please.)

♪ **MUSIC NOTES** ♪

"Sancta Dorothea" was composed by Franz Liszt in 1877. The title refers to a fourth-century saint, Sancta Dorothea, who was martyred by Diocletian, a Roman emperor. Franz Liszt (1811-1886) could be considered the first "rock star" of classical music because of his good looks, virtuosity, showmanship and wildly adoring fans. He introduced technical innovations to piano playing that greatly expanded the instrument's expressive range. As a composer his creativity had an immense impact on musical style of the 19th century and beyond. And his generosity benefited the lives of many people: victims of disasters, orphans and the many students he taught for free.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Today is World Leprosy Day! Leprosy is still a reality for millions of people. Untreated, the patient experiences long-term physical disabilities that often prevent employment and result in poverty and isolation. Please refer to the bulletin insert for more information on the Canadian Leprosy Mission “effect:hope”. Find out about the about the work that they are doing to eliminate this disease and how you can help. *Thank you, Your Mission & Outreach Committee.*

SJR Reads: Meet **TODAY** at noon in the parlour:

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

GOD'S MISSION - OUR GIFTS

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

How to participate in PAR.....Prayerfully decide what you will give each year and divide that amount by 12. Fill out the authorization form, and attach a cheque marked “VOID”. It's that simple! Making an offering is an important part of our worship time together. We will give you PAR cards to place on the offering plate as a symbol of your gift. Why not participate in PAR? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table.

Counters and Head Counters At the moment there are 9 head counters and 19 assistant counters. They count five to six Sundays a year. A few more counters and head counters would reduce the number of Sundays each would count. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you can help. ***An information session for counters and head counters is planned for Sunday, February 8th following the service.*** The new schedule will run from March 1st to June 30th. Please consider sharing your time and talent to help SJR with a job that is vital to our ministry.



Book Nook: ***A Spirituality of Fundraising***, by *Henri J.M. Nouwen*. It is a succinct and powerful witness to the truth that fundraising is a form of ministry and can be a deeply spiritual experience for both the donor and the one who asks. On display - Borrow for 3 weeks.

UCW Meeting: **Monday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.** Please join us in the Parlour 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. 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 prayershawls@sjruc.ca





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.

FAMILY SKI/SNOWSHOE/HIKE OUTING--Mark Sunday afternoon, **Feb. 8** on your calendar- meeting at 2 pm to x-country ski (or snowshoe or hike) at the Steeb property on Riverbank Dr. Bring your gear and wear appropriate clothing. Muriel promises hot chocolate afterwards! Those located close to church meet Janice at 1:45 at church to carpool to our destination. This is an all-ages activity.



NEEDED - Stuffing for the quilters at the Mission (Canadian Food For Children). Fibre Fill is just too pricey, but worn flannelette sheets, old comforters/ blankets work fine. There is a large labelled box on the stage for your donations.

House of Friendship Feb. 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.



Booking rooms at SJR? Please inform the church office as soon as possible if you are planning an event which requires the use of rooms in the church. Ask at the office for a Room Booking Request Form.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bach Vespers in Epiphany. Spiritus Ensemble and Nota Bene Baroque Players perform Bach Cantata 150, "Nach dir verlangest mich," Buxtehude, "Der Herr ist mit mir," and Schein, "Vater unser." Soloists Sheila Dietrich, Stephanie Kramer, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Steve Surian and Timothy Kauk. Kenneth Hull, conductor. **Sunday, February 1, 2015**, 4 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Admission Free. Donations welcomed.

Third Age Learning at Rim Park has a great series on right now called **NOW THAT RELIGION HAS REFUSED TO DIE: Cdn. and Global Perspectives.** **Thursdays at 1:30.** \$6. to enter. See full details on our Bulletin Board David Seljak from St. Jerome's Univ. started off and lined up the talks. Q & A.

Grieving the Loss of a Companion Animal: For anyone who is grieving the death of a beloved pet. A workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 14th from 8:30-4:30** at All Saints Anglican Church, 685 Highpoint Ave., Waterloo. Cost: \$65 includes refreshments. To register please contact Cheryl Walsh at 519-746-8307 or cheryl.walsh@sympatico.ca

Our Volunteers This Week:	
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Counters	Ed & Ellen E, Nancy S
Ushers	Ed & Ellen E, Valerie H, Carol W
Gather n' Gab	Jessie M
Nursery	Margaret S
Sunday School	Kelly S



Note: Bulletin announcements to be received by the office by Wed. noon. Announcements to be 100 words or less.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan. 25 **SJR Reads** 12:00 noon in the Parlour
- Jan. 26 **UCW Meeting** 7:30 - in the Parlour
- Jan. 28 **VBS Video Bible Study** 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Jan. 31 **Prayer Shawl Gathering** 10 a.m. - noon
- Feb. 1 **Annual Congregational Meeting** - 12:00 noon
- Feb. 8 **Family Ski/Snowshoe/Hike** - 2 p.m. at Steeb's



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