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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



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February 8, 2015 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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are available: Please ask an usher**

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

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

**PRELUDE**                      **Pastorale**    *(Léon Boëllmann)*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

One: "I am the light of the world," Jesus said.  
"Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

*(The Christ candle is lit)*

**\* OPENING HYMN      I Feel the Winds of God    VU 625**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved, let us love one another,

**All: because love is from God.**

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way,

**All: Jesus Christ came into the world.**

One: Since God loved us so much,

**All: we are called to love one another.**

**Come, let us worship.**

*I John 4:7ff*

**OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*

**All: Eternal God, radiant with grace,  
thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits;  
make us shine with your Word, our hope;  
shine with your communion, our life;  
shine with your peace, our joy;  
through Christ, who is our Light.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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: Sacrament/Communion

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1:29-39**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to Christ the Word**

\* HYMN                    **Jesus Loves Me**                    VU 365  
*(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            **Epilogue**            *(Enrique Granados)*

\* 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: Receive our gifts, O God.  
May they be used to show forth to the world  
the greatness of your love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
your perfect gift and our Saviour.**

ANTHEM: **When I'm Afflicted, Poor and Low**  
(*Words: Isaac Watts - Music: Wm. Bradley Roberts*)

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

One: O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,  
and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.  
Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 40: 21-31**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God for the Word**

MESSAGE: ***"Have You Not Seen, Have You Not Heard!"***

SILENCE

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION

\* COMMUNION HYMN

**Let Us Break Bread Together** VU 480

INVITATION

One: Here is the table Jesus called Love,  
gathered around by those called beloved –  
table of welcome in unity, ushering into the Trinity.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one  
to whom we belong.  
Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever  
present, holding us fast.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: Also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts high.

**All: We lift them up, too.**

One: Let us give thanks and praise to our Lord.

**All: It is so right we praise with accord.**

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

One: Blessed be God Who caused us to be, called us to flourish, created us free, present wherever goodness is found, setting us firmly on holy ground.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

One: Prophets of old and prophets anew, challenge us all to follow, be true.

When life's temptations hold us in thrall, then Jesus whispers, "Follow my call."

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

One: Blessed are those who under duress, greet us like manna in our wilderness, fill us with hope when courage is gone, give us the strength for carrying on.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: So it was on the night he's betrayed,  
Jesus did offer to those who had stayed,  
bread for the journey, wine of his blood,  
showing the promise: grace like a flood.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one  
to whom we belong.  
Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever  
present, holding us fast.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT

One: Now let us join our hearts before God,  
Giving, in prayer, our praise and our laud,  
asking the Spirit blessings of light, sharing this meal  
as Jesus' delight.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one  
to whom we belong.  
Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever  
present, holding us fast.**

## FRACTION AND DISTRIBUTION

### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

**Come, My Way, My Truth** VU 628  
**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds** VU 344

*(The congregation is invited to join in the singing of these hymns)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Blessed are all who here upon earth, nurture a vision  
and bring it to birth,  
live by the creed we boldly embrace: blessed  
assurance, amazing grace.

**All: Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one  
to whom we belong.  
Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever  
present, holding us fast.**

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# WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

\* CLOSING HYMN    **May the God of Hope**    VU 424

## COMMISSIONING

One: Light of God to give us hope  
Power of God to protect us  
Light of God to give us joy  
Peace of God to calm us  
Light of God to give us faith  
Grace of God to save us  
This day and forevermore.

## \* 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            **Henry's Hornpipe**            *(Andrew Fletcher)*

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of  
Nancy Morrison, who passed away Feb. 1, 2015.  
The funeral was held yesterday at Erb & Good Family  
Funeral Home in Waterloo

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**Harrison United Church - Bruce Presbytery**

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The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of Diane Mountain, daughter of Jim & Norma Mosgrove.

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### ♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

"Isaac Watts (1674-1748) showed a talent for writing verse from an early age. As a youth he complained of the bad quality of writing in the Psalters (Book of Psalms) of his day. They were literal translations of the Psalms and Scriptures with little regard for rhyme or rhythm. His father challenged him to do better and during his lifetime Watts wrote about 600 hymns, most of them between the ages of 20 (graduation) and 22 (his first teaching job). Many of Watts's hymns are based on psalms, but some are not based on any particular psalm or scripture passage, for which he was criticized. They were considered "uninspired". His response to this was "if we can pray to God in sentences that we have made up ourselves, then surely we can sing to God in sentences that we have made up ourselves."

### IN OUR CHURCH:

**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 TODAY: 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.



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**Book Nook: *Music For Your Heart***, written by Ace Collins. Behind every song is a story. Did you know that the classic song “Over the Rainbow” was almost cut from the final edit of “The Wizard of Oz?” On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

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**Family Ski/Snowshoe/Hike Outing TODAY** Enjoy the recent snowfall! Meet 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.



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**U.C.W. Meeting *Monday, February, 23rd at 7:30 p.m.*** Our guest speaker is Damaris Vezentan. She will speak on her many experiences with "Operation Christmas Child". All ladies are welcome!

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**Hosting Waterloo Presbytery** - SJR has extended an invitation to host Waterloo Presbytery in February 2015. Our invitation was accepted and so on Tuesday, February 24th we will be serving dinner to approximately 100 people from across the Presbytery. We will need your help - from greeters at the door, set up in the gym, food preparation, cake making, and more. We will need many helping hands. There is list of jobs on the table in the Narthex. Please sign the list if you are able to help - “Many hands make light work!” Contact Cec Omand, SJR’s Presbytery Rep for more information.

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**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.

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**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.



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**Syria Support**— Thanks so much for all your donations - our goal has been reached through your help and generosity!

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**Lent is coming.** This is the time of year when we take some intentional time to take stock of our lives and where God is in the midst and adjust accordingly. There are many opportunities in our Kitchener churches to share in worship, and fellowship together:

**Lenten Lunch** - St. James is the host church with a different congregation offering food and leadership each week. They will begin Ash Wednesday and be held for the six weeks of lent, from noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday Feb 17 at Zion United - **Pancakes and Ashes** 6:30 p.m. pancake supper followed by a service at 7:30 p.m.

April 2 - **Maundy Thursday** - Bridgeport United- Seder meal 6 p.m. and Service 7 p.m.

More event information will be added as we receive it.

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## Our Volunteers This Week:

<b>AV Crew</b>	Jim C & Crew
<b>BookNook</b>	Norma M
<b>Greeters</b>	Rosemany & Gordon A
<b>Counters</b>	Ed & Ellen E, Nancy S
<b>Ushers</b>	Roy K, Evelyn S, Bob & Gail C
<b>Gather n' Gab</b>	Jessie M & Michelle S
<b>Nursery</b>	Margaret S.
<b>Sunday School</b>	Kelly S
<b>Layreader</b>	Valerie H



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## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Pancake Supper:** *Tuesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.* at Westminster United, 543 Beechwood Dr. Waterloo. \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 2-12, Free for children under 2 yrs.

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**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 and lined up the talks. Q & A.

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**Christian Women's Luncheon:** "**My Life is an Open Book**" - Seleda Frey from Moorefield will share her story at Women's Luncheon Monday February 23 at noon - Waterloo Motor Inn, Reservations \$23 inclusive. Call Pam 519-896-8978 or Marjorie 519-745-4698. See notice on Community Bulletin Board for more info.

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**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](mailto:cheryl.walsh@sympatico.ca)

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- TODAY Family Ski/Snowshoe/Hike** - 2 p.m. at Steeb's
- Feb. 18 **Lenten Lunch** - Noon in the Rainbow Room
- Feb. 23 **UCW Meeting** - 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 3 **Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship** - Noon in Parlour

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