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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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March 8, 2015 – Lent 3

Worship Leader: Teresa Carse

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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 **Aberystwyth** (Healey Willan)  
(Jesus, Lover of My Soul)

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: I, the Lord, have called you to do what is right.  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will protect you.  
I will appoint you as my promise to the people,  
as my light to the nations. *Isaiah 42:6*  
*The Christ Candle is lit*

\* Processional Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** MV 12

## Call to Worship

One: Promises once made...

**All:** are meant to be kept.

One: So, let your “yes” be ...

**All: YES!**

One: Let your “no” be...

**All: NO!**

One: We live in a world where promises are broken.  
We live in a world where what happens doesn't  
always live up to our hopes and dreams.

**All:** But, even in the moments of brokenness,  
even when promises are forgotten,  
even when laws are broken ...

One: We have one important task.

**All: To love with all that we are.**

## To love God.

**To love the other person. To love ourselves.**

One: No matter what.

**All: In that love and with that love, we come together  
this morning to worship God!**

*Gathering, L/E2015, Richard Bott,  
Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver B.C.*

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

### **Commission of T.C.O.W. Participants**

**Teresa:**

Together, we the people of St. James'-Rosemount  
United Church commission you Fiona Curtis, Heather  
Ebel, and Veronica Stover, as you set forth in an  
experience of learning and serving in Nicaragua.  
We give thanks for the vision that has inspired this  
journey, and for your response to this call.

**Fiona, Heather & Veronica (*in unison*):**

We go as we are called and led by God, grateful for  
your support and the generosity of the many people  
who have made this trip possible.

**Congregation:**

**We ask God to bless and protect you as you travel  
and experience community with our sisters and  
brothers in Nicaragua. May God bless the many  
conversations, the learning and service to others,  
the struggles and triumphs, the pains and joys,  
and the friendships made.**

**Fiona, Heather & Veronica (*in unison*):**

We ask for God's Blessings on our whole community  
as we uphold each other in prayer until we are  
reunited in worship.

*Families of participants invited to join in laying on of hands*

**Laying on of Hands:**

Fiona, Heather and Veronica: May you go forth on  
this journey with a daring and tender love. In all times  
and places, may you know and feel the powerful  
presence of God's Spirit as your Guide.

**All: We are not alone. Nothing can separate us in  
God's love. Thanks be to God!**

Scripture     **John 2: 13-22**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to Christ the Word.**

\* Children's Hymn

**Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold**     VU 605

*(Alison will play once; choir will sing verse 1;  
all will sing verses 1 & 2)*

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem     **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

*(arr. Michael Larkin)*

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

Scripture     **Exodus 20: 1-17**

One: This is the witness of the Hebrew people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon             "Tickled Off!"

Silence

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

\* Hymn     **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary**     MV 18

*(sing twice)*

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music     **Chorale Prelude on 'Caswall'**

**(Jesus Stand Among Us)**     *(Peter Hurford)*

\* 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.**

*Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*

\* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**All: God, we have learned that when we give away,  
we are enriched;  
and when we let go, we receive.  
Bless what we give and let go of this day,  
as you also bless us. Amen.**

*Written by Kate Crawford, first-St. Andrew's UC, London, ON;  
Gathering, L/E 2015, pg 35. Used with permission.*

## **WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD**

\* Hymn **Jesus Christ is Waiting** VU 117

Commissioning:

**One: We are not meant to be lukewarm people.  
As we go out into the world,  
let us go with the passion that God gave us – the  
passion to boldly be God's children,  
going where God's passion calls us,  
doing what God's passion calls us to do,  
knowing that God is with us in it all.**

\* 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)*

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

***Lowville and Nelson United Churches, Halton Presbytery***

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## MUSIC NOTES

The anthem, "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley", portrays the image of Jesus facing trials in a lonesome place and sets the scene for the trials yet to come during Holy Week. The actual source of this hymn tune is unknown. There is lack of agreement as to whether it is an African American spiritual or an American folk tune and as such, there are several variants of both the text and the melody. The final verse talks of us "walking by ourselves". James Cone (The Spirituals and the Blues: An Interpretation, 1972) argues that "the journey of salvation is like a lonesome valley with hard trials, and the believer has to travel the valley for himself."

**Teresa Carse, LLWL** - At the Waterloo Presbytery meeting at SJR on Tuesday, Feb. 24, the annual interview process reaffirmed my status as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader within Waterloo Presbytery for another year. Your ongoing support plays an important role in this journey. Please know how sincerely thankful and grateful I am for each and every prayer, word of encouragement, the feedback and all support that you offer. This truly is a path we continue to walk together!

## IN OUR CHURCH:



**Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas** will be purchased through the Flower Fund to decorate sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a memorial donation of \$10.00 to the Flower Fund, please sign the sheet in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the Church Office **by March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Place your donation in an envelope with your name and mark "***Easter Flower Fund***" and leave on the collection plate. A list of the names of the donors will be included in the Easter church bulletin.

**Book Nook: Two Easter DVDs: “An Easter Carol” #124 and “Twass the Night before Easter” #172, Borrow for 2 weeks.** A volunteer in the library will be pleased to help you today

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**Wednesday - Weekly Lenten Lunch - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the Rainbow Room. A different congregation will provide food & leadership each week through Lent. **All are welcome!**

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**THANK YOU to our VOLUNTEERS This Week:**

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Crew
<b>BookNook</b>	Norma Mosgrove
<b>Greeters</b>	Don & Fern Ward Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell
<b>Gather ‘n’ Gab</b>	Gord & Rosemary Ambrose
<b>Counters</b>	Ed & Ellen Edwards, Christine Mitchell
<b>Ushers</b>	Valerie Hoag & Carol Wilson, Ed & Ellen Edwards
<b>Nursery</b>	Evelyn Shantz.
<b>Sunday School</b>	Kelly McLarnon-Sinclair
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Grace Alton

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Inshallah Community Choir:** 100+ Voices singing with our neighbours. ***March 8 3:00 p.m.*** at St Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St., Kitchener, Reception to follow. Freewill offering. See Janice Bock for more info: **contact info available from Church Office**

**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. Contact Cheryl Walsh at **contact info available from Church Office**

**Spring has Sprung Celebration!** ***Sat. Mar. 21 5:45 p.m.*** First United Church, Roast Beef Dinner \$18 - Children 12 and under \$5

**Pork Schnitzel & Cabbage Roll Dinner** Thurs., March 26, 5:30 - 7:00 Christ The King United, 167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener. Advance Tickets only by March 22: Adults \$17, Children 6-11 \$5, 5 & under free. Call Jackie **contact info available from Church Office**

**Maundy Thursday Seder Meal** Bridgeport United Church ***April 2, 6:00 p.m. & Service 7:00 p.m.***

**CGIT 100th Anniversary Celebrations** at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, May 29-31, 2015. Calling all girls, leaders, alumnae or anyone who has been associated with Canadian Girls In Training. All meals, lodging, and activities are included in the \$25 registration fee! Register by April 10th. Details and registration form attached. For more info contact Marilyn Hill **contact info available from Church Office**. See info posted on Community Bulletin Board

**Birthright:** We Need You! BIRTHRIGHT is unique. We provide non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Birthright is not involved in any religious movements, political activities, or lobbying. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You can work as an office volunteer, or you can keep our baby and maternity clothes in order, or a volunteer supervisor, or how about a Board Member? Birthright welcomes volunteers of any age, race, gender, or religion. If you feel you could be a Birthright volunteer, please call **contact info available from Church Office**.

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Mar. 11 **Lenten Lunch** - Noon in the Rainbow Room
- ☐ Mar. 11 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour

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