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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 22, 2015 – Lent 5

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      **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**      (J.S. Bach)

\* Processional Hymn      **He Leadeth Me**      VU 657

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Examine me, O God, and know my heart,  
test me and discover my thoughts,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.      *Psalm 139:23, 24*

*The Christ Candle is lit*

Call to Worship

One: People of God, gather here;  
in this sacred space,  
in this sacred moment,  
away from your daily concerns and restraints.

**All: Here we recall the stories of faith,  
here we see the God who is constantly loving,  
here we are offered forgiveness again,  
here we remember whose we are.**

One: People of God, let us worship God in  
whom has written our names deep in his heart.

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

**All: God, we hear your promise  
that as love is written on our hearts,  
love becomes our true nature.  
In the full knowledge that we are a forgiven people  
we look with expectation into our world,  
to do what we can do to share the good news  
revealed in Jesus and be agents of peace and  
justice. 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.**

Minute for Mission **Come and See**

Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

\* Children's Hymn **I, The Lord of Sea and Sky** VU 509

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **Jesus Paid It All**

*(E.M. Hall / R. Kingsmore / J.T. Grape)*

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

Prayer of Illumination:

One: God of call, God of transformation,  
God of the Lenten journey;  
help us to discern your still, small voice.  
Open us to change and growth  
that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 51** VU 776 Refrain 1

Gospel Lesson: **John 3:14-21**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon **“Breaking Hearts”**

Silence

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\* Hymn **Deep in Our Hearts** MV 154

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **Chorale Prelude**

**“Ich ruf zu dir” (I Call to Thee)** *(J.S. Bach)*

\* 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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\* Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

All: **We send these gifts into the world**

**with love and the desire that they will flow and flood  
where they will do good and bring about justice.**

**Amen.**

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

\* Hymn

**We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection** VU 586

Commissioning:

One: As you leave this sacred space,  
remember that we are a forgiven people  
and God has written love on our hearts.  
Remember your sacredness,  
remember your place in the eternal flow of life,  
and realize the power love has to change lives.

**All: We will flood the world with the law of love. Amen**

\* 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

**Prelude in G Minor**

*(J.S. Bach)*

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**Moorefield United Church, Waterloo Presbytery**

 **MUSIC NOTES**

'Jesus Paid It All' was written by American hymnist Elvina Mable Hall (1822-1889) and has been a popular inclusion in many hymnals since its creation. The tune was written by John T. Grape (1835-1915) who was told by his choir and friends at the time of composition that the melody was "very poor". However, his wife vehemently disagreed and assured him that his music would endure, thus assuring its survival and eventual popularity. Richard Kingsmore wrote this particular arrangement in 2008. He started his career as a freelance musician at Disney World and other Orlando area theme parks, and is currently organist and choir director at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

## 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: Longing for Home.** The Lenten Study published by the United Church for 2015. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



**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!**

**SJR Reads** In the coming months, we will be reading and discussing some of our members' all-time favourite books. Join us **Monday, March 23rd at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parlour (enter at Kensington Ave doors) . We will be discussing "Black Like Me" by John Howard Griffin. If you need a ride, **CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**. See you there!

**Embracing An Adult Faith** Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? This five session study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. We will begin on Wednesday, April 8th in the Parlour from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table or , **CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE** if you plan to attend.

### Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

<b>AV Crew</b>	Jim Carse, & Crew
<b>BookNook</b>	Christine Mitchell
<b>Greeters</b>	Dorothy Hibbard, Margaret Hibbard, Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell
<b>Gather 'n' Gab</b>	Nancy Ebel
<b>Counters</b>	Dorothy Hibbard, Margaret Hibbard, Donna Stephens
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Gail Campbell, Cec & Jan Omand
<b>Nursery</b>	Margaret Shoesmith, Sr.
<b>Sunday School</b>	Kelly McLarnon-Sinclair
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Steve Wardell

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**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 THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**Bach Vespers on Palm Sunday:** Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantatas 22 & 23 and The Lord's Prayer by John Tavener on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 4 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street N., Kitchener, Stephanie Kramer, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Bud Roach & Daniel Lichti. Free admission, donations welcomed.

### **Coming ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs:**

- Palm-Passion Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 7:30pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha (intersection of Erbs Road) 519 747 1212
- Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM hosted by Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church 57 Stirling Ave N, Kitchener 519-745-4769
- Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 7:30pm hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd 116 Queen St. North Kitchener 519-743-3845

### **Maundy Thursday Services - April 2nd:**

**Bridgeport United** - Seder meal at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7 p.m.

**Calvary United** - Service at 7 p.m.

**Trinity United** - Potluck meal at 6 p.m. followed by communion service.

**Five Oaks Cake Walk and Bake Sale - Thursday, April 2, 6-7 p.m.** at Five Oaks Retreat Centre, 1 Bethel Road, Paris.

**The Grand Philharmonic Choir presents Bach's "St. Matthew Passion"** with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Good Friday, April 3, - 7:30 pm at Centre in the Square. Reflect on this solemn day with some of the greatest music ever written. Tickets are available at the box office (519-578-1570) or [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com).

**CREATING the SILENCE through Art...** 4 day silent retreat incorporating the spiritual practices of felting, soul collage, mandalas, clay and more. Silence fills the soul. Surrounded by the sacred beauty of Five Oaks Spiritual Retreat Centre, come and connect with Spirit, yourself, others and nature through art. Intertwined within the four days of silence, will be optional guided art mediation sessions, community circles and an individual spiritual direction session. Mon. May 11 - Thurs. May 14. \$450. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit For more information, contact Chris Grose or Kellie McComb [kellie@firstunitedchurch.ca](mailto:kellie@firstunitedchurch.ca) 519-442-9950.

**Our World: God's Visible Language:** A four part series of illustrated talks featuring priest, author, teacher and Arctic researcher Jerry Salloum. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm April 14 to May 5, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church 22 Willow St., Waterloo Through this spring we will grow in the realization that our care of and respect for our earthly home finds its origin in the heart and purposes of the One who made and sustains us.

**Gleaners Fundraising Dinner** - Friday April 24th, 2015, Doors Open 6:00pm Dinner Served 6:30pm @ Waterloo Region Police Association 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge, ON Missions Reports, music by Jason & Charmaine Brown, and a full dinner & dessert. \$25/person or \$200/table of 8. T Order Your Tickets - Online: [www.OntarioGleaners.org](http://www.OntarioGleaners.org)

(click on What's Happening) or By Phone: 519.624.8245 (Order your tickets by April)  
An opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners.

**Five Oaks Annual General Meeting, April 26, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.** RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup> to Jenny 519-442-3212.

**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 THE CHURCH OFFICE**. See info posted on Community Bulletin Board

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Mar. 23 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- Mar. 25 **Lenten Lunch** - Noon in the Rainbow Room
- Mar. 25 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Mar. 29 **Palm Sunday & Scouts Food Bank Drive**
- Apr. 2 **Maudy Thursday Services** - see bulletin
- Apr. 3 **Good Friday Service** at Forest Hill 10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 5 **Easter Sunrise Service** 7:00 a.m.  
**Easter Breakfast** 8 - 9:30 a.m.  
**Easter Communion Service** 10:30 a.m.

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