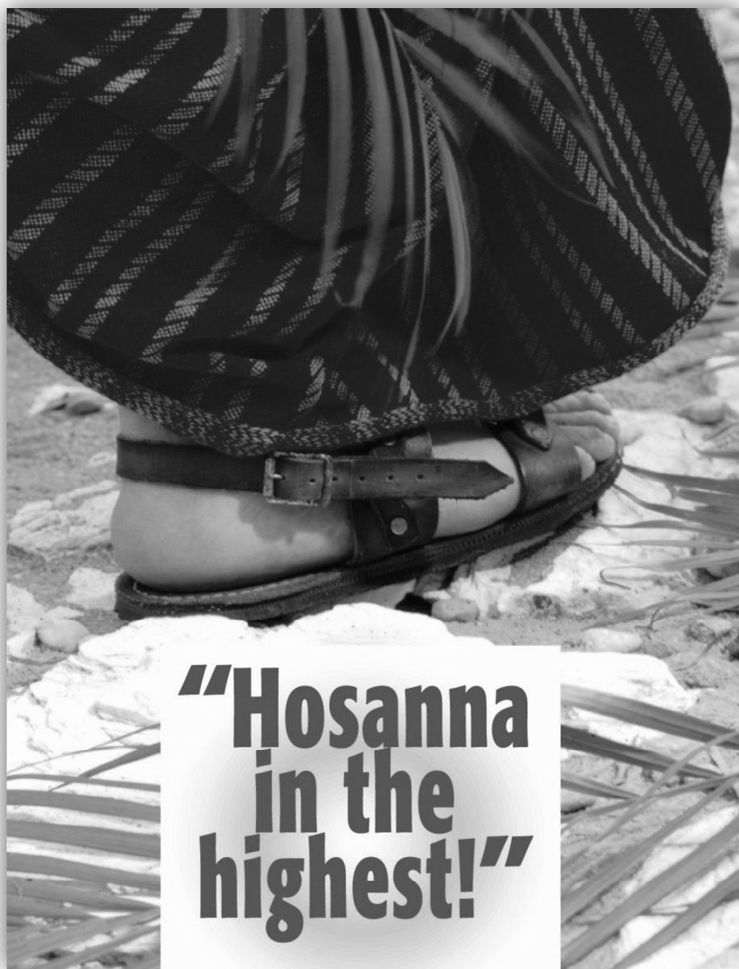

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 29, 2015 – Palm Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
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 **Marche Triomphale** *(Theodore Dubois)*

* Processional Hymn **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** VU 123

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: "Then those who went ahead and those who followed
were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the
coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in
the highest heaven!"
Mark 11:9, 10

The Christ Candle is lit

Call to Worship

One: People of God, we are here,

All: in this sacred space, in this sacred moment.

One: Your daily concerns can be momentarily put aside,

All: as we recall the stories of our faith.

One: Here we see conventions turned upside down,

All: as the king who comes does not claim a crown.

One: Here salvation is misunderstood.

All: Here we find the beginning of trouble.

One: Here we remember whose we are.

Let us worship the one who comes in the name
of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is he who comes.
Hosanna!**

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

All: **Eternal God, this morning we have come to cheer you on.**

**We can feel the excitement of the crowds
who welcomed Jesus with such joy,
and we want to join in, to share their hope,
remembering your promise of a saviour.
Bless us as we greet your Son, who arrives now.
In his name we pray. 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 **“What is Your Dream”**

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 11:1-11**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to Christ the Word**

*** Children's Hymn He Came Riding on a Donkey VU 124**

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **O Hark! The Cry** (*French carol, arr. Austin C. Lovelace*)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

One: God the words you speak have power:
power to create
power to disturb
power to heal.
Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118** VU 837 Part 1, 3 & 4

Sermon **“Dead Man Walking”**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **All Glory, Laud and Honour** VU 122

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **“Nimrod” from ‘Enigma Variations’**

(Edward Elgar)

* 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: Often we feel what we do and contribute is only a drop in a great ocean of need, but today we send these gifts into the world knowing that each drop is precious and able to make a difference. Bless these our gifts and each of us who gives. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Ride On! Ride On in Majesty** VU 127

Commissioning:

One: Go gladly on your way as those who have recognised the Palm Sunday man as the key to the healing of the world.

All: Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Translate your hosannas in the language of daily loving, that each task and each person may receive the best you can offer in those circumstances.

All: Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: The amazing grace of Christ Jesus will cover you,
The enduring love of God will encircle you,
The sure friendship of the Spirit will inspire you,
both today and evermore.

All: Both today and ever more. Amen!

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* 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 **Solemn Melody** *(H. Walford Davies)*

**Thank you for joining us today at
St. James'~Rosemount United Church!
We hope you'll stay for some refreshments served in the
Rainbow Room after the service.**

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
**Forks Road East and Morgan's Point United Churches,
Niagara Presbytery**

MUSIC NOTES

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941) was best known as an organist in his early career, but in 1918 he was commissioned as a major and appointed director of music with the Royal Air Force. This is when he wrote his best known work, the RAF 'March Past'. From 1926 to 1939 he became the most popular music personality in England when he was the host of the BBC radio program, Music and the Ordinary Listener. He was knighted in 1922 and in 1934 he was appointed Master of the King's Musick. The holder of this title may write music for important royal events and act as the Sovereign's advisor in musical matters. 'Solemn Melody' was written for organ and orchestra in 1908 to celebrate the tercentenary of John Milton.

Thank You!



I feel very blessed. I have a great family and an equally fabulous church family. My thanks to you all for making it a great surprise and a great day. A special thank you to all who contributed in any way (and there were many) to help make it happen.

Peggy Schott.

IN OUR CHURCH:



TODAY: 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 TODAY**

March 29th. 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.

UCW Meeting: Monday March 30th at 7:30 p.m. for our business and worship in the Parlour. At 8:15 p.m. we will meet in the Long Sunday School Room to hear our guest presenter, Charmian Patrick, describe the gardens of Ireland that she visited in June 2014. All are welcome!

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



Reel Theology-- Thursday, April 23, 6 pm Potluck, then film. **Freedom's Land: Canada and the Underground Railroad--** (CBC-52 min.) How Canada and the "railroad" became the focus of the anti-slavery movement in the decade prior to the Civil War. Abolitionists, black and white, on both sides of the border, aid the cause using multiple pathways to freedom here. Discussion to follow. ALL WELCOME - adolescents & up.

LOCATION: Janice's condo- **Contact Church Office for details**

SJR Reads Mon., April 27th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in parlour (enter at Kensington Ave door) We will be discussing another favourite book of our members, "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy. Available at KPL. If you need a ride, **Contact Church Office for details.** Come join a great discussion! .

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 Church Office for details**

The Garage Sale Is Coming!...May 2nd.
Start saving your stuff!



Contact Church Office for details



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

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| AV Crew | Jim Carse, & Crew |
| BookNook | Norma Mosgrove |
| Greeters | Luella Crawford, Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell |
| Gather 'n' Gab | Evelyn Shantz, Vikki Tait |
| Counters | Jan Omand, Nancy Sej, Jim Mosgrove |
| Ushers | Joan Kaethler, Luella Crawford, Don & Anne Willcox |
| Nursery | Alison Riddell |
| Sunday School | Kelly McLarnon-Sinclair |
| Lay Reader | Valerie Hoag |

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bach Vespers on Palm Sunday: Spiritus Ensmble 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., service at 7 p.m.

Calvary United - Service at 7 p.m.

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

Five Oaks Cake Walk & 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 available at the box office (519-578-1570) or on line.

CREATING the SILENCE through Art... 4 day silent retreat incorporating the spiritual practices of felting, soul collage, mandalas, clay and more. At Five Oaks Spiritual Retreat Centre, Mon. May 11 - Thurs. May 14. \$450. Register– **by April 10th** - \$100.00 non-refundable deposit. For more information, contact Chris Grose or Kellie McComb 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 (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 17th 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 Church Office for details**. See info posted on Community Bulletin Board

Calling all present & former Olivet youth!! If you attended, led or taught any of Olivet's Sunday/Church Schools, Mid-Week Groups and Youth Groups, you're invited to be present at Olivet at 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday, May 3, 2015**. We will celebrate our many groups of young people, including Junior and Intermediate Choirs, which have helped sustain Olivet during the past 100 years. Also attend our post-service reception/coffee hour in the Lower Auditorium, at 11:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Mar. 30 **UCW Meeting** - 7:30 Parlour All Welcome!
- ☐ Apr. 1 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Apr. 23 **Reel Theology** - 6 pm at Janice's place
- ☐ Apr. 27 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ May 2 **Annual SJR Garage Sale**



It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

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