
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 12, 2015 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
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 **Humoresque** *(Antonin Dvorak)*

* Processional Hymn

This Is the Day that God has Made VU 175

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ Candle is lit

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

One: Sing a new song!

All: A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth

One: Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God

All: Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday

One: Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain
of new birth.

**All: We place our visions and hopes on the table of
wine and wheat.**

One: For God has taken ordinary things.

All: And made them extraordinary.

Sing a new song!

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

All: Holy God,

**as you have taken what we call an absurdity
and turned it into possibility**

as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias

where once there was a gray dawn,

**as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit
into an undreamed of tomorrow,**

we praise you for this day!

Come, Risen Christ, in newness

and hope on this Eastertide day. 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.

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer from Still Laughing God: Service Prayers for the Second
Sunday of Easter, posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways
website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-a/le/eas.html>*

Minute for Mission: **Brunswick Street Mission**

Gospel Lesson: **John 20:19-31**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children's Hymn **Give To Us Laughter**

VU 624

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **There's Room For Many-a More**

(Greg Gilpin)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Acts of the Apostles: **Acts 10:32-35**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Sermon **"The Joke is On Us"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Come, Let Us Sing** VU 222

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **A Musical Joke** *(W.A. Mozart)*

* 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: You, O God, are the Easter One.

You are the holy source of resurrection.

You are the dancing spirit of life.

We offer these gifts in gratitude

for hope returned,

for the mystery of your grace,

and for the promise of resurrection.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Sing a Happy Hallelujah**

VU 224

Commissioning:

One: Like the woman who ran to share the Good News
of the empty tomb,

All: let us go forth with joy.

One: Like the travellers walking on the Emmaus Road,

All: let us go forth with opened eyes.

One: Like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit,

All: let us go forth with peace.

One: Like Thomas, filled with doubt,

All: let us go forth with faith.

One: Like fishers pulling heavy nets,

All: let us go forth with abundant life.

* 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

Scherzo

(David Terry)

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***Join us after the service for refreshments and
conversation (Gather 'n Gab) in the Rainbow Room.***

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Susan Cressman who passed away this week April 9, 2015.

Visitation: Henry Walser Funeral Home - 507 Frederick St.
Wednesday, April 15 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Funeral at: St. James'~Rosemount United Church
Thursday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Mount Zion United Church, Renton, Erie Presbytery

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Humour is difficult to achieve in classical music when there is no text involved, but that hasn't stopped composers from inventing types of music or trying to put together witty elements in order to achieve humour. Dvorak wrote 8 'humoresques', a genre characterized by fanciful humour in the sense of mood rather than wit. 'Scherzo' means 'joke' in Italian and usually refers to a fast moving humorous instrumental composition. For centuries, musicians and musicologists have been trying to identify the humour in Mozart's "A Musical Joke", a 4 movement work written for string quartet and 2 French horns. There is speculation that it is satirical, its harmonic and rhythmic "gaffes" serving to parody the work of incompetent composers. However, an ornithologist has suggested that the music mimics a starling because of the intertwined tunes and the awkwardness and off key whistle-like passages in the horns. It is known that Mozart had a pet starling at one point. A more accurate translation of the title of this work (Ein musikalischer Spass) would be "Some Musical Fun". Mozart didn't leave any clues as to what kind of musical fun he was really making.

Church Mouse Correction:

The e-mail address that was listed in the church mouse for the M & P committee is incorrect. We would love to hear any concerns or congratulations for our staff and their work here at SJR, but please use the following e-mail address:
personnel@sjruc.ca

Krista Hotson, Chair of M & P

IN OUR CHURCH:



Book Nook: ***I Need You and You Need Me***, written by Patrick Fitzpatrick and illustrated Tim Newcombe. The story in this children's book is written in rhyme. Enjoy with your children or grandchildren. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

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 **Wed. April 15th** in the Parlour 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or **Contact the Church Office** if you plan to attend.

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 RSVP to Janice - **Contact the Church Office**

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 the Church Office**. Come join a great discussion! .

Garage Sale **Saturday, May 2nd, 2015**
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



House cleaning this Spring? Collect those treasures and deliver them to SJR from Mon., April 27th to Thurs. April 30th - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Things that sell well include small appliances and tools, dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, pots & pans, used tools, kid's toys, books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, good clean used clothing, plants that you have spit and are ready to be planted and anything else you don't need or want. "Many hands make light work" so check the sign-up sheets and let us know when you can help. All funds raised go to the Mission and Service Fund. Any questions can be directed to Cec **Contact the Church Office**

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!



AV Crew	AV Crew
Greeters	Marg H Marion M & Fran C
Gather 'n' Gab	Jessie M, Michelle S
Counters	Hong S, Charmian P, Cec O
Ushers	Roy K, Evelyn S, Bob & Gail C
Nursery	Evelyn S
BookNook	Steve W
Sunday School	Kelly
Lay Reader	Don

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Count Your Blessings - Ladies, you are invited to an afternoon program at Olivet United on Monday ***April 20 beginning at 1:30*** with refreshments. Special musical guest, Jill Broughton will present "Count Your Blessings" - a program involving story, song, scripture and all of us joining in on some favourite hymns. Please sign up by April 16 to help with numbers. Ladies from Calvary & Christ the King are also invited.

Gleaners Fundraising Dinner- Final Call! - ***Friday April 24th*** (doors open @ 6pm, Dinner @ 6:30pm) Order your tickets by Thursday April 16th. \$25/person or \$200/table of 8. Enjoy a delicious dinner (including: roast beef, chicken, roasted potatoes, salad bar & dessert buffet) **New Location:** Waterloo Region Police Association Building, 1128 Rife Rd, Cambridge. Missions presentations from around the world. Special music by Jason and Charmaine Brown. Call the office - 519-624-8245 or at <http://ontariogleaners.org/1485>. As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate to the Gleaners.

The 51st Annual Used Book Sale at First United will be held on ***Friday, April 24 (9-9) and Sat., April 25 (9-noon)***. Used books can be dropped off on Wed. or Thurs., April 23 until 6 pm at the Caroline St. entrance (near the kitchen). The University Women's Club--KW raises money for scholarships for young women.

Waterloo Region Police Male Chorus at Olivet: For 15 Years, the Waterloo Region Police Male Chorus used Olivet as its rehearsal facility. The Rockway Entertainers used Olivet when the Rockway Senior Centre was unavailable. As we wind down our affairs here at Olivet, we have been connecting with many of the past groups connected with Olivet. We are pleased to host both of these fine Choirs on ***Sunday April 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.*** at Olivet for the final concert to be hosted at Olivet United Church. Olivet has had a long-time association with Caring Partners Global and proceeds from this free will concert will be donated to Caring Partners Global.

Coming ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs:

- 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 7:30 p.m. hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd 116 Queen St. North Kitchener 519-743-3845

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 Marilyn Hill: **Contact the Church Office** 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:



- ☐ Apr. 15 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Apr. 23 **Reel Theology** - 6 pm at Janice B's place
- ☐ Apr. 27 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ May 2 **Annual SJR Garage Sale**

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"Eve had a good sense of humor.
She took a lot of ribbing on the job."