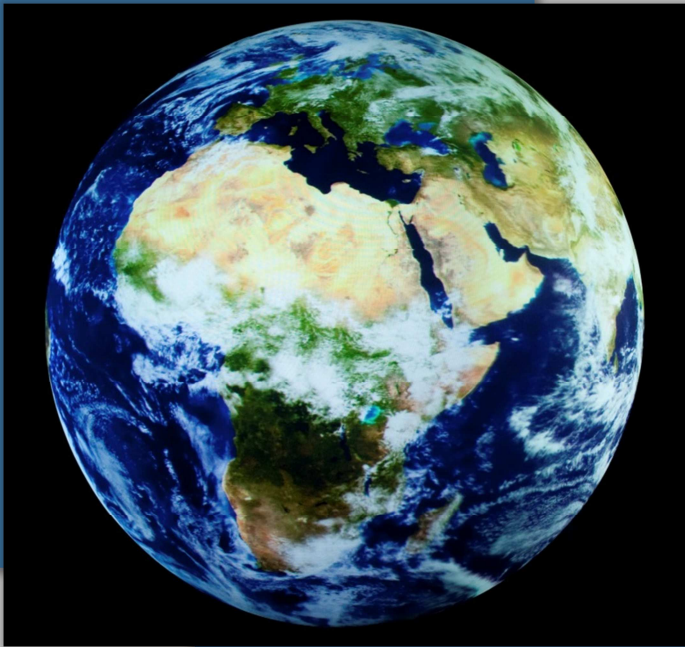

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 19, 2015 – 3rd 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 **Pastorale** *(anonymous, 18th century Italian)*

* Processional Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: This we know: the earth does not belong to us,

All: we belong to the earth.

One: This we know: all things are connected,

All: like the blood that unites one family.

One: This we know: we did not weave the web of life,

All: we are merely a strand in it.

One: This we know: whatever we do to the web of life,

All: we do to ourselves.

One: Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,

**All: let us give thanks that all things hold together in
Christ.**

Iona Community

The Christ Candle is lit

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice, giving thanks for the newness of life
offered to us.

**All: We are glad for warmth, for green grass,
and for flowers,
for soft breezes and the music of birds,
for gentle raindrops upon our faces.**

One: On this day of hope and new life,
we are reminded that God dwells with us
and within all creation.

**All: We remember we are called
to be partners with God in creation.**

One: Let us join in celebrating God's gift of life.

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

**All: Creator,
we thank you for the beautiful creation
you have given us for our home.
Help us to respect all the earth's creatures
and to use all of the earth's resources carefully.
Help us to respect ourselves, one another,
and the teachings of our ancestors.
Praying now as one voice and in the words of
Jesus...**

**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: **"Improving Nutrition"**

Gospel Lesson: **Luke 24:36b-48**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

*** Children's Hymn**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

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Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **I Dreamed of Rain**

(J. Garrett / arr. L. Nickel)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

One: O God for whom there are no barriers,
no stones too big to remove,
roll away our resistance to you.
Let your words fill us with new life
and bring us out from the tomb of indifference,
alive again in you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Acts of the Apostles: **Acts 3:12-19**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Sermon **"To Live with Respect in Creation"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Touch the Earth Lightly** VU 307

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **To A Wild Rose** (*Edward MacDowell*)

* 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 **It's a Song of Praise to Our Maker** MV 30

Commissioning:

All: We have forgotten who we are.

**One: We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding
of the cosmos.**

**We have become estranged from the movements
of the earth.**

We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We have sought only our own security.
We have exploited simply for our own ends.
We have distorted our knowledge.
We have abused our power.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the land is barren
And the waters are poisoned
And the air is polluted.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the forests are dying
And the creatures are disappearing
And humans are despairing.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We ask forgiveness.
We ask for the gift of remembering.
We ask for the strength to change.
We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: To bring new life to the land
To restore the waters
To refresh the air.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: We join together as many and diverse
expressions
of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the earth
and the renewal of all 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

Rustle of Spring

(Christian Sinding)

(Please refrain from applause following the postlude. Alison is always grateful to receive verbal expressions of appreciation during social time after the service).

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

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The flowers in the sanctuary are to the glory of God
and in loving memory of John Wilson 1940-2014,
and Scott Wilson 1970-1985.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of
Paul Meincke, who passed away last Sunday, April 12, 2015.

The Memorial Service was held Thursday April 16th
at the Henry Walser Funeral Home.



Our prayers are also with the family and friends of
Susan Cressman whose funeral was held here on Thursday.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Oakland United Church, Erie Presbytery

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♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Jan Garrett, composer of 'I Dreamed of Rain', is a jazz singer and a multi award winning songwriter. In her own words about this song she says, "I grew up in Colorado and take the natural world as my birthright. It had been a particularly hot dry year in 2002 and wild fires were raging across much of the western US. The political scene felt equally troubling and out of control (just prior to US invasion of Iraq). It was as if the whole world was on fire. In the midst of all this unrest, I began to have dreams of rain; the kind of luscious healing rain that comes to renew the natural world and the human soul after a long drought. The words and music for this song are a direct translation of that exhilarating feeling. We no longer have to repeat the mistakes of our ancestors. We are free to forgive, release the pain, and start over again with a clean slate."

Updates & Corrections

Directory Update:

Janet T [REDACTED]'s phone number is updated to include the extension: **Contact the church Office**

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 H., Chair of M & P

IN OUR CHURCH:



Scents-Sensitivities: There are people in our congregation who are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. We ask that you refrain from wearing them in the building.

Book Nook: *Last Words*, a collection of hope written by Bob Giuliano. He was a United Church minister who wrote a column in the Owen Sound Times. His wife Betty edited his final year of newspaper columns and published them in this book. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



Embracing An Adult Faith 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. ***Wednesdays in the Parlour 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.*** Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table 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 **Contact the church Office**

SJR Reads Monday, April 27th 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the parlour. We will be discussing 'Tara Road' by Maeve Binchy (available at KPL). Use door off Kensington Ave (near the Narthex/parlour) All are welcome to come and join our interesting discussion! If you need a ride, contact Charmian **via the church Office**.

UCW Unit # 2 Meeting Monday April 27th, 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour. Guest speaker is Allan Grose , gardener "extraordinaire". Allan is from New Hamburg and he has four gardens from which he harvests produce which he sells at a Produce stand in front Of New Hamburg United Church. The proceeds go to a mission in Kenya and Allan will tell us his personal story. Everyone welcome , men women & children...! A real treat.

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. Questions? Contact Cec **via the church Office**



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Crew
Greeters	Carol W Marion M & Fran C
Gather 'n' Gab	Gordon & Rosemary A
Counters	Hong S, Charmian P, Ileen D
Ushers	Ed & Ellen E, Gordon & Rosemary A
Nursery	Alison R
BookNook	Christine W
Sunday School	Kelly M-S
Lay Reader	Valerie H



IN OUR COMMUNITY



Count Your Blessings at Olivet - 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 TODAY at the back of the church.** Ladies from Calvary & Christ the King are also invited.

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.

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.



Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering and Reflection - Tuesday, May 5, 1-3:30 p.m.

(doors open at noon) for all who are involved in prayer shawl ministry or would like to learn about it. Hosted by the St. Louis and St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministries, at St. Louis Church, 53 Allen St., Waterloo. Bring your shawls, patterns and resources to share. There will be a free-will offering. Prayer Shawl knitting and crochet books will be available for sale. Please register by April 28 - contact Linda Guacci at prayershawlathering2015@gmail.com.

Taco Supper & Bake Sale Fundraiser at Westminster



All you can eat tacos with all the fixings, make your own sundae for dessert. ***Tuesday, May 5th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.*** at Westminster U.C. 543 Westwood Dr. Waterloo. For tickets email office @westminsterunited.ca or call 519-746-6080

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: **via the church Office**. See info posted on Community Bulletin Board.



"How come there's a forbidden fruit, but not a forbidden vegetable?"

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Apr. 22 **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 **Scout Pancake Breakfast** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ☐ May 2 **Annual SJR Garage Sale** 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ☐ May 5 **Brown Bag Lunch** 12 noon - 1 p.m. in Parlour



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