
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 05, 2015 – Easter Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol: **

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbour

Prelude **Alleluia** *(W.A. Mozart)*

* Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Jesus said, "I am the living One;
I was dead, and now I am alive for evermore."
Revelation 1:18

The Christ Candle is lit

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

One: This is the season of Easter:

All: the celebration of resurrection,

One: the festival of hope,

All: the promise of new beginnings,

One: the dance of faith,

All: the song of joy,

One: the music of gladness,

All: the hymn of love.

One: Let us worship our life-giving God!

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

All: **God of power, God of people,**
 you are the life of all that lives,
 energy that fills the earth,
 vitality that brings to birth,
 impetus in making whole
 whatever is bruised or broken.
 In you we grow to know the truth
 that sets all creation free.
 You are the song the whole earth sings,
 the promise liberation brings,
 now and forever, praying in one voice

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: **Mercado Modelo**

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 16:1-8**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to Christ the Word**

* Children's Hymn **Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!** VU 124

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **Because He Lives** (*Gloria & Wm. Gaither/arr. J.Schraeder*)

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 10: 34-43**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“Joy Comes with the Dawn”**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Joy Comes with the Dawn** VU 166

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **Two Short Preludes on
‘This Joyful Eastertide’** *(John Leavitt)*

* 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 FED AT GOD'S TABLE

Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God, for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed
your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give you thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your child Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the Mother and Father of us all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and after giving thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples.
And said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and after giving thanks,
gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
by the death of your child
you have destroyed the power of death,
and by raising him to life
you have given us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

One: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body, one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Bread is Broken - the Wine is Poured

One: These are the gifts of God for you the people of God
Come for now all things are ready!

Communion is Served

Hymns During Communion:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU 149

My Song is Love Unknown VU 143

(Congregation is invited to join in the singing of these hymns)

Prayer after Communion

One: You have given yourself to us, Lord

All: Now we give ourselves to others.

One: You have raised us with Christ, and made us new people.

**All: As people of the resurrection, we will serve you
with joy.**

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Christ Is Alive** VU 158

Commissioning:

One: From this Easter festival,

All: we go forth to live resurrection:

One: In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.
Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!
Hallelujah and 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

Toccata (abridged)

(Charles M. Widor)

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Mount Hope and Case United Churches, Hamilton Presbytery

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Coming up next week: "Holy Humor" Sunday

God's laugh at death gives us an opportunity to continue to celebrate the greatest miracle - Jesus' resurrection. It also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

♫ **MUSIC NOTES** ♫

"Alleluia" is part of a larger sacred work "Exsultate, Jubilate" (Rejoice, Be Glad) written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1773 while still in his teens. Mozart wrote this music specifically for the Italian opera singer, Venanzio Rauzzini, who had the leading role in Mozart's opera "Lucio Silla" which premiered in Milan, Italy in 1772. Rauzzini was known for his ability to execute extremely high and difficult passages with power. At this time women were not allowed to be in a choir or sing solos in churches. Today, this piece is usually sung by a soprano.



***In memory of Family and Friends, flowers
have been placed in the sanctuary by:***

Janet T
Carol W
Fran C & Marion M
Ted Y & Family
Dave & Joan B
Marion H

Wally & Joan K
Terry & Sandra J
Jim & Norma M
Don & Anne W
Ena A
Bob & Betty M

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: Happy Easter!

No volunteer in the Book Nook today.

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 8th** in the Parlour 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table or call **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, call Charmian at **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, ...(cont'd) ➡
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 **Contact the
Church Office**



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Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew
Greeters

Jim C, & Crew
Terry & Sandra J
Marion M & Fran C

Gather 'n' Gab
Counters

Evelyn S, Vikki T
Jim C, Doug & Alison R

Ushers

Bill & Millie W, Ena A, Doug R

Nursery

Margaret S, Sr.

Sunday School

Kelly M-S

Lay Reader

Janice B



IN OUR COMMUNITY

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 Chris
Grose chris@huskyfarm.ca 519-846-0282 – **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.

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 - **Friday April 24th, 2015**, A few days left to reserve your seat!! Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness to the OCG with a delicious dinner, inspiring missions stories and videos and special music by Jason and Charmaine Brown. Our dinner this year will be held at Waterloo Region Police Association, 1128 Rife Rd. Cambridge. Doors open at 6:00 with the dinner starting at 6:30pm. Tickets: \$25/person or \$200/table of 8. As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners. Order your tickets by calling 519.624.8245 or online @ www.OntarioGleaners.org (click on What's Happening)

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.

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 7:30pm 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. 8 **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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