
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Christian Family Sunday

May 10, 2015 – 6th Sunday of Easter
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 **Orientale** *(Cécile Chaminade)*

*** Processional Hymn Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: O Come let us sing to God;

All: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us joyously shout to God with songs of praise
(Psalm 95)

The Christ Candle is lit

Call to Worship

One: Families are strange things.

All: Different shapes, different sizes.

One: Made up of people.

**All: Sometimes by birth.
Sometimes by choice.**

One: At their best—

**All: families are filled with love,
ready to create a safe place,
ready to invite others in.**

One: At their worst—

**All: families are filled with anger and hurt, frustration
and sadness,
indifference and fear.**

One: We are Christ's family.

All: Sisters and brothers in Christ's love.

One: In this time. In all times.

**All: Let us work to be the best family that family can
be.**

One: For Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, amen!

Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U C., Vancouver, B.C. (richardbott.com)

Opening Prayer:

One: For our sisters

All: For our sisters

One: and our brothers

All: and our brothers.

One: For our fathers

All: for our fathers

One: and our mothers

All: and our mothers.

One: For the true families we have made

All: For the true families we have made

One: Thank. You. God.

All: Thank. You. God.

One: Mother and Father

All: Mother and Father

One: of us all.

All: of us all.

One: AMEN!

All: AMEN!

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Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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: **Miracles of Community**

Psalm 98

VU 818 – refrain #2

* Children's Hymn **Come, Children, Join to Sing** VU 345

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **Sing When the Spirit Says Sing**

(trad. Spiritual - arr. Katy Strand)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

One: In our struggle to hear your Word O God,
Bless our doubts and our wonderings,
Our wanderings, our soul struggles,
life's deep questions and deeper mysteries.
Teach us to love our questions
as well as our answers. Amen

Gospel Lesson: **John 15:9-17**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

The Acts of the Apostles: **Acts 10:44-48**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Sermon **"Real Love"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Spirit, Open my Heart**

MV 79

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory **In Three Flats**

(Rosalie Bonighton)

* 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*)**

One: Hearth Builder, we present the gifts of our hands and minds so that they may build the Kin-dom that Jesus proclaimed. May these gifts be used to restore broken homes, to mend fences between ourselves and others, and to bring peace wherever there is a need.
Amen.

*Written by Jim McKean, Lyons Memorial U C., Gore Bay, Ont.
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WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

*** Hymn Go to the World VU 420**

Commissioning:

We leave this place reconnected:
reconnected to our community,
reconnected to our faith,
reconnected to the God of grace.

May your spirit inspire us to join
all peoples and all the earth in singing your praises
with joyful songs.

Let us ring in the coming of your reign of justice to all
people, and to all the world. 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: Cantad al Señor (*Kristina Langlois*)

(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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Please join us after the service for refreshments and conversation in the Rainbow Room.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Palermo United Church, Oakville, Halton Presbytery

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♫ MUSIC NOTES ♫

In recognition of Mother's Day, all of the composers/arrangers of today's service music are women. Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944) was born in France. Her father didn't approve of her studying music, but eventually conceded that she was very talented. She toured extensively in Europe and North America and many of her recordings were on piano rolls. Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011) was an award winning organist, composer and choir director from Ballarat, Australia. Katy Strand is an Associate Professor of Music (Music Education) at the Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana. Dr. Kristina Langlois is an organ professor and organist in St. Paul Minnesota. Her postlude, Cantad al Señor, is based on a Brazilian folk tune and hymn which uses Psalm 98, one of today's readings.

IN OUR CHURCH:



Book Nook: *Ascent of Women*, by Sally Armstrong.

Around the world,, away from the spotlight, women and girls are overcoming tremendous obstacles to insist on their rights. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

TCOW Cambodian Lunch: Fiona, Heather and Veronica will be sharing their TCOW Nicaragua journey during the worship service May 24th, 10:30 a.m. After the service they will be serving a **Cambodian Lunch** prepared by Chef Hong.

Proceeds to the TCOW ministry to "pay it forward" to future participants in SJRUC mission trips. **Tickets are available after the service or contact church office:**

\$15 for Adult; \$10 for youth 5-12; Children under 5 free.



SJR Reads Monday, June 1st 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour. We will be discussing 'The Lovely Bones' by Alice Sebold. We have a book club set from KPL for this title. There are 7 copies still available. If you would like to borrow a copy, please **contact the Church Office**

Orange Bus



Ramble

Inside the Culture Tuesday, July 21 Learn the attitudes, values and practices of the Old Order. Men, Women & Teens join The Orange Bus Ramble—Inside the Culture with SJRUC, Trinity, Christ the King, and Olivet. Guide Del Gingrich. Highlights: a hot dinner at noon, Q & A with husband & wife, rambling through Wallenstein General Store, Hawksville, Jigs Hollow Rd., West Montrose, “the new St. Jacobs Market” and St. Jacobs. Leave @ 9 a.m. from SJRUC carpark —return by 4:30 p.m. Buy tickets from Janice B. on May 17th and 24th. Adults- \$ 38, Teens- \$30. (5 discounted av'l)



Join The Team! Cruise with the wind in your hair on the riding lawn mower! ***Sign up today in the narthex.***

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

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Carol W.
Marion M. & Fran C.

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Tom & Linda S., Christine M.

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Margaret S. Sr.

BookNook

Steve W.

Sunday School

Kelly M.

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Maureen D.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Justice Tour 2015! ***Today, May 10,*** Canadian Council of Churches and Citizens for Public Justice are bringing their 2015 Justice Tour to our community. Join Christians from across Waterloo Region to learn more about how our work of service towards social and environmental justice is a reflection of our love of God. 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 49 Queen Street North, Kitchener.



Children's Items/Clothing Swap Sunday May 24, 12 – 3 pm Bridgeport United Church. Accepting donations now! Donate gently used clothing and toys your children have outgrown, our church members will organize the donations based on size, then on the day of the event

families are welcome to come and take whatever they could use for their children. Give what you can and take what you need!

Father of Light Choir Tour from Georgia at First United Church Waterloo, **Sunday May 24, 7 p.m.** Free concert, Freewill offering

CGIT 100th Anniversay Celebrations May 29-31 at Crieff Hills - see bulletin board. **contact the Church Office**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ May 13 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ May 24 **Cambodian Lunch** after service. Buy tickets **today**
- ☐ June 1 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ July 21 **Orange Bus Ramble** -buy tickets May 17 & 18

Check the the bulletin for more information and events!

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We Share The Air!

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