# St. James'-Rosemount United Church 171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



May 17, 2015 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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# WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbour

Prelude Chanson de Matin (Edward Elgar)

\* Processional Hymn We Are one VU 402 vs 1, 2 & 4

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: With the appearance of your Son you have brought us into your new creation. Form us into your people, and order our lives in you; through Christ, the Living One. Amen.

The Christ Candle is lit

Call to Worship

One: We are gathered here because we are God's beloved people. God's greatest desire for us is that we live abundant, flourishing lives; For us to stand like trees planted by streams of water, strong and fruitful, bringing joy and justice to the world, living lives full of contentment and love; and for this we are grateful.

Opening Prayer:

All: We gather in this place, some because we know you and some because we wish to know you. Loving God, you know our hearts.
May that be enough for us right now, to simply rest here secure in the knowledge of being known.
Let that be enough to bring us together to share what we know and what we wish to know. Amen.

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: Thank you to Our Ministers

#### Psalm 1

VU 724

\* Children's Hymn I've Got Peace Like a River VU 577

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

(spiritual - arr. Michael Larkin)

#### 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 17:6-19

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

# All: Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon "That All May Be One"

Silence

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* Hymn God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU 260
- Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory 'Air' from 'The Water Music' (G. F. Handel)

 \* 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: As God has given to us abundantly, so we would be generous to others. Bless these gifts as they flow into our world to become part of God's flourishing realm of compassion, justice, and love. Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

\* Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

Commissioning:

Be God's good people in the world, and delight in its wonders. Be generous to those in need Show kindness to all you meet, and let the Spirit of God fill your hearts with joy.

\* 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: 'The Rejoicing' from 'The Royal Fireworks'

(G. F. Handel)

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

# Join us after the service for refreshments and conversation in the Rainbow Room.

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference: People's Memorial United Church, Ridgeway, Niagara Presbytery

*Condolences* We pray for the families and friends who have recently lost a loved one:

- Fred Ripley passed away May 9, 2015 (full
- neral was held this past Saturday at Henry Walser Funeral home),
- Joan McCormick passed away May 9, 2015 (funeral was held this past Friday at Memory Gardens Funeral Home)
- Doris Smith (friend of Charles Atkinson) passed away May 8 (funeral was held this past Tuesday in Mount Forest).

'Music for the Royal Fireworks' was composed by George Frideric Handel in 1749. The work was commissioned by King George II of Britain to lotes accompany fireworks at an outdoor festival on the River Thames celebrating the end of the War of the Austrian Succession. The king specified that the work would be played by military band, therefore without stringed instruments. (Handel later added strings for the first indoor performance.) Attendance at the festival was by invitation only so the general public was only allowed to attend the final rehearsal. Over 12,000 people paid to attend, causing a traffic jam that closed London Bridge for 3 hours. On the actual date of performance the weather was rainy and most of the fireworks refused to light, but a few that did set fire to one of the pavilions. Handel attached descriptive titles to several movements to celebrate the occasion. "La Rejouissance" (The Rejoicing), commemorates the mood that accompanied the signing of the treaty.

# **IN OUR CHURCH:**



**Don't forget to stop in at the Book Nook!** This week's featured book: **The Power of Praying**, *by Stormie Omartian*. Help for a woman's journey through life. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

TCOW Cambodian Lunch - NEXT WEEK! Fiona, Heather & Veronica will be sharing their TCOW Nicaragua journey during the worship service May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. After the service they will serve 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 Adults; \$10 for youth 5-12; Children under 5 free.

<u>UCW Meeting</u> *Monday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m.* Please join us in the parlour for fellowship, dessert, and an opportunity to hear Cathy Gregory share with us about her awesome trips to India with "Sleeping Children Around the World" (http://www.scaw.org). All are welcome!

<u>SJR Reads</u> *Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>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

**UCW Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon!** UCW invites all women to our Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon on Tues. June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Join us for a potluck luncheon followed by an afternoon of storytelling by Brenda Byers. Bring along your favorite dish to share, your own dishes and cutlery to save kitchen clean up time and come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Adults- \$ 38, Teens- \$30. (5 discounted av'l)



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

Thanks to our	Volunteers this week!	
AV Crew	IT Team	Shanks
Greeters	Dorothy H., Margaret H.	to Our
	Marion M. & Fran C.	Volunteer
Gather 'n Gab	Shirley & Gordon D.	
Counters	Dorothy H., Margaret H., Cec O.	
Ushers	Roy K., Evelyn S., Ena A., Doug R.	
Nursery	Alison R.	
BookNook	Millie W.	
Sunday School	Kelly M. S.	
Lay Reader	Anne W.	

# IN OUR COMMUNITY



<u>Children's Items/Clothing Swap</u> 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

<u>CGIT 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversay Celebrations</u> *May 29-31* at Crieff Hills - see bulletin board. For information

You're invited! Final Service at Zion United Church May 31 at



**10:30 a.m.** Our congregation has received an invitation from Zion United. It is particularly directed at persons who have had some connection with Zion in the past. You are welcome to worship with Zion on Sunday May 31 @ 10:30 a.m. for their final service in their sanctuary. Coffee and fellowship to follow the service.

# FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

□ May 20 VBS Video Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour

□ May 24 Cambodian Lunch after service. Buy tickets today

□ May 25 **UCW Fellowship** - Parlour 7:30 p.m.

- □ June 1 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- □ June 9 UCW Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon Noon
- □ July 21 Orange Bus Ramble -buy tickets May 17 & 18

Check the bulletin boards for more information and events!



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