
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



May 3, 2015 – 5th Sunday of Easter
Worship Leader: Teresa Carse

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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 **Berceuse** *(Louise Vierne)*

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is
from God; everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God. *(1 John 4:7 NRSV)*

The Christ Candle is lit

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to a ministry of love.

All: Brothers and Sisters, let us love one another.

One: We are called to love our parents and our children,
our friends and our neighbors.

All: Love is from God.

One: We are called to love the parent who was cruel,
the neighbor who hurt our feelings,
the friend who was selfish.

**All: Everyone who loves is born of God
and knows God.**

One: We are called to love the people we cannot see ... in
the late night corners and alleys of our tri-cities; in the
riots and chaos of Boston; in the tremors, terrors and
devastation of Nepal ...

**All: Those who love God must love all of their sisters
and brothers. May we accept and embrace God's
call to this mysterious ministry. Amen.**

(Based on 1 John 4:7; adapted from prayer by Katherine Hawker, 1994)

Opening Prayer

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:

Gospel Lesson: **John 15:1-8**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children's Hymn **Love is the Touch**
Tune: Slane

MV 89

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **Jesus Christ the Apple Tree** (*arr. Alan Bullard*)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Acts of the Apostles: **Acts 8:26-40**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Sermon **"Draw the Circle Wide"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Draw the Circle Wide** **MV 145**

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **Two Short Pieces** (J.S. Bach)

1. Musette

2. Prelude

* 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.

Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

One: Your gifts, O God, the gift of time, the gift of talents,
the gift of the Word that inspires,
all these are transforming gifts.

**All: Receive them together this morning,
and use them to bring glory to you and help to
those who are near and far away. Amen.**

Written by David Sparks, Okanagan Falls U.C. (B.C.), Gathering, L/E 2015 p44.

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AGAPE MEAL

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Love divine, All Loves Excelling** **VU 333**

Commissioning:

As you go from this place, love God as a child loves:
fully, openly, innocently, widely, and invite your
neighbour into the warm glow of that love.

Written by George Allan, Sprucedale Providence PC, Gathering, L/E 2015 p45.

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* 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:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (arr. John Carter)

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

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

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Olivet United Church, Kitchener, Waterloo Presbytery

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♪ **MUSIC NOTES** ♪

Today's anthem, 'Jesus Christ the Apple Tree,' uses the metaphor of the apple tree to represent Jesus. The text is a poem by an unknown author which first appeared in a New England hymn collection in 1784. In the first stanza, Christ is referred to as an apple tree and the Tree of Life, fitting symbols as apples were such an important staple in 18th century North America. In the fifth stanza we are told how the fruit of the Tree of Life keeps us alive and gives us the desire to be grafted onto the Tree of Life itself. Many people sing this song as a Christmas carol, although there is nothing in the words that refers to Christmas. The tune for this arrangement is 'O Waly Waly', a traditional English melody collected by Cecil Sharp and published in his 'Folk Songs from Somerset' collection in 1906.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Security Issues Church doors have been left unlocked. PLEASE ensure that doors are locked when you leave the church. If you unlocked the door, please re-lock it.



Book Nook: *Inside the O'Briens*, written by Lisa Genova.

The book describes the challenges of a 44 year old police officer, husband, and father diagnosed with Huntington's disease. This is the author of "Still Alice." The book is out on loan, Drop by the library and put your name on a waiting list. Norma will let you know when it is available.

Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship: *Tuesday May 5th* in the parlour. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship together. If you have any questions, call **the Church Office**. Everyone is welcome!

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**



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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IN OUR COMMUNITY



Correction - we've been informed that a Sunday School leaders & Youth leader event for May 3rd previously posted in the bulletin is at an Olivet Church in the Toronto Area and not the Olivet Church we are familiar with here in Kitchener.

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 prayershawlgathering2015@gmail.com or 519-888-6954.



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



Children's Items/Clothing Swap Sunday May 24,

12 – 3 pm Bridgeport United Church is hosting its first children's items/clothing swap! We are accepting donations now! Please consider donating gently used items. This event will be open to the

community as an outreach initiative of BUC. How it works: 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!

Justice Tour 2015! 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. May 10, 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 49 Queen Street North, Kitchener.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ May 5 **Brown Bag Lunch** 12 noon - 1 p.m. in Parlour
- ☐ May 6 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ June 1 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour

Check the Community Section of the bulletin for more events!



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We Share The Air!

SJR is a smoke-free & fragrance-free facility.