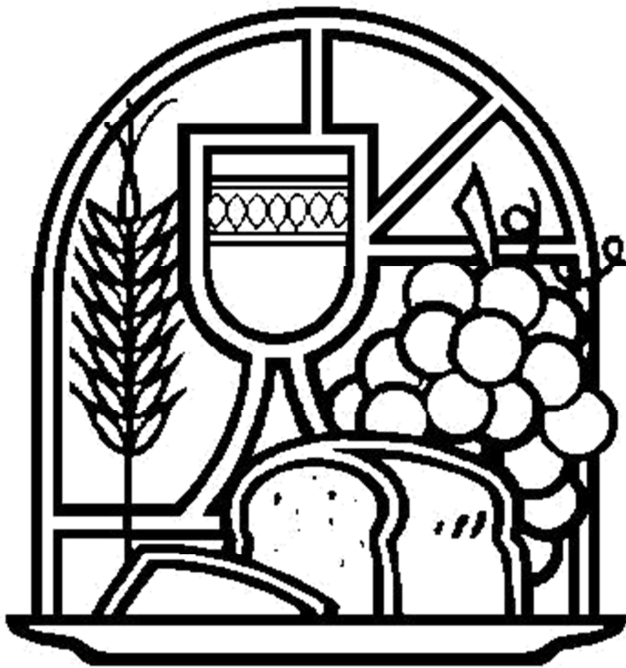

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



**TAKE,
EAT,** IN REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.

June 7, 2015 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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: **Berceuse** *(Gabriel Fauré)*

* Processional Hymn **God is Here** VU 389

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

You are the healing, the loving, the touching.

You are the laughing, you are the dancing.

Jesus—you are the moving; move in me.

The Christ Candle is lit

Call To Worship:

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

All: We come to celebrate God's presence,

One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

One: and the life we are called to live.

**All: We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.**

One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our
journey.

All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

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

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires, known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...**

**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.**

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHURCH OFFICERS:

Scripture:

Let us hear the message of scripture.
There are different ways of serving,
but the same God is served.
There are different abilities to perform service,
but the same God gives ability to each of us.
The Spirit's presence is shown in some way
in each person for the good of all.
Christ is like a single body which has many parts.
If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it;
if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.
All of us are Christ's body,
and each one is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12

Statement of Purpose:

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God, and chosen by the people of St. James ~Rosemount United Church congregation for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf. We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God's people.

(Name will be called)

Covenant Questions and Promises:

One: As you come to assume the duties of your office,
let us make a covenant before God and with one
another.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ,
will you continue to live out your faith
with praise and thanksgiving?

Will you carry out your *responsibilities*
in this congregation with integrity and joy?

All: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you, the members of St. James~Rosemount
United Church

honour the leadership of these people?

Will you assist them through daily prayer,
generous support, and personal example,

so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus
Christ?

All: We will, God being our helper.

Prayer:

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all

that we may keep the promises we have made today.

Help them to fulfill their responsibilities.

May their leadership help us all to reflect your love
and grace always. Amen.

Declaration:

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as members of
the Leadership Team for 2015

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 3:20-35**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children's Hymn **The Church is Wherever**

VU 579

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Anthem: **Who Is My Mother**

MV 178

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

One: O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen

Old Testament Reading: **1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Message: **"Leading Edge"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Let Us Break Bread Together** VU 480

WE SHARE A MEAL AT THE TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

One: Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.
You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.
At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.
You breathe life into us
and set us among all your creatures,
in a covenant of love and service.
Even when we turn away from you, you do not
forsake us.
You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace,
and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,
sharing our joy and sorrow,
healing the sick,
feeding the hungry,
and setting the captive free.
So it is that we join the song of all creation to
proclaim your goodness:

**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: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth
we recognize the fullness of your grace:
light, life, and love, revealed
in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us,
in compassion that heals and frees us.
And now we gather at this table to remember
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,
that we may rise together
to turn our worship into witness
and to follow in your way.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
“Drink. This cup that is poured out for you
is the promise of God, made in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

At this time, we also remember
all with whom you would have us share your feast.
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...
all who are ill or alone...
all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger...
for all whom the world counts as last and least...
We pray for the church and its varied ministries...
for nations as they strive for peace and justice...
for all our families and friends... we hold before you...

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon
these gifts,
that all who share in this loaf and cup
may be the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world.
In this hope and as your people, we praise you.
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.

One: The Bread is Broken, and the Wine is Poured
These are the gifts of God for the People of God
Come for now all things are ready

Hymns During Communion:

Now to Your Table Spread	VU 456
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether	VU 479

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

Prayer after Communion:

One: Eternal and gracious One,
though we live in a world of need,

**All: here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

One: Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**All: here we have heard your call
to be a people of healing community.**

One: Though daily we touch our limits,

**All: here we have received
the fullness of your grace.**

One: Send us forth, O God,

**All: in faith, in hope, and in love.
Amen.**

Call for the Offering:

Offering

Offertory: **Prelude in Plainsong Style** (Charles Callahan)

* 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*)

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.**

**Help us to give with them
a ready mind,**

**a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **May the God of Hope Go With Us** VU 424

Commissioning:

One: Go into the world:
dance, laugh, sing, and create.

All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

One: Go into the world:
risk, explore, discover, and love.

All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

One: Go into the world:
believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.
Thanks be to God!**

* 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: Theme from 'Prelude to the Te Deum'

(Marc-Antoine Charpentier)

(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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***After the service join us in the Rainbow Room
for refreshments & conversation - Gather 'n Gab!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
St. James United Church, Simcoe

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Plainsong, or plainchant, is a form of Medieval church music which emerged around 100 A.D. It doesn't use any instrumental accompaniment and was the only type of music allowed in churches at one time. It was believed that music should make the listener receptive to spiritual thoughts and reflections. Plainchant represents the first attempt at music notation. It differs from modern notation in that there are only 4 lines instead of 5, and a system of shapes (neumes) are used to indicate pitch and duration. In the 6th century Pope Gregory wanted to compile the growing number of chants into one collection which became known as Gregorian Chant.

IN OUR CHURCH:



In the Book Nook: “*Ascent of Women,*” by Sally Armstrong. A new age is dawning for every mother's daughter. 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.

SJR Reads Monday, June 8th (note date change) 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. If you would like to borrow a copy, **contact the church office**

UCW Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon! UCW invites all women to our Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon on **Tues. June 9th 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.

Sunday School Service next week: SJRUC welcomes our families with children in Sunday school for our last day of programming for the year on **Sunday, June 14**. There will be a special children's time, children will go out for Sunday school, and a BBQ picnic will follow the service.



The Cambodian lunch raised over \$800 thanks to the generosity of ticket purchasers and donations! A wonderful 'pay it forward' nest egg for the next TCOW trip! Thank you so much, SJR - what a great response!

Bridge: An invitation to the members of Olivet who would like to join us for Bridge - we play the 2nd Friday of each month all year round, taking turns hosting in our homes. We'd love for you to join us! **contact the church office**



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Crew
Greeters	Margaret H. Marion M. & Fran C.
Gather 'n Gab	Ed & Ellen E.
Counters	Teresa C., Donna S., Roy K.
Ushers	Valerie H., Carol W., Cec & Jan O.
Nursery	Margaret S., Sr.
BookNook	Norma M.
Sunday School	Kelly M.-S.
Lay Reader	Maureen D.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Open House - Olivet United Church (1932 - 2015) Opens its doors to the community and neighbourhood, past members, adherents, and friends of the United Church and other faith communities, Waterloo Presbytery, Rockway Mennonite Friends, Food Cupboard Friends. **Sunday, June 14th from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Food Truck Frenzy! Each Monday May 25-Aug 31 4:30 - 8 pm At Forest Hill united Church 121 Westmount Rd E. - Four different food trucks each week! See Bulletin Board for details.



Summer Serenade Lunch: Monday June 22 12:00 noon, Waterloo Inn, 475 King St. N. Waterloo. Judy Lumsden, a talented local artist will lift our hearts in song. "Uncooperative, Unqualified, Underestimated" Helen Norris, founder of Helping Hands Street Mission, will share her story. \$23 incl. Reserve by June 17 - **contact the church office**



Remember to check the bulletin boards for more information and more events!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ June 8 **SJR Reads 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour**
- ☐ June 9 **UCW Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon Noon**
- ☐ June 14 **Celebrate Our Children Service - stay for lunch!**
- ☐ June 14 **Olivet United Church Open House 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- ☐ July 21 **Orange Bus Ramble - Buy tickets May 17 & 18**

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Join us for the shared summer services with Trinity United Church here at SJR all summer: July 5 - August 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Check the website and the Record for further information and special events.

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We Share The Air!

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