
St. James'~Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



**“Everything the Power of the World does is done in a circle.
The sky is round, and I have heard that the earth is round
like a ball and so are all the stars.**

The wind, in its greatest power, whirls.

Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours.

The sun comes forth and goes down again in a circle.

The moon does the same, and both are round.

**Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing
and always come back where they were.**

**The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood,
and so it is in everything where power moves.”**

*Black Elk, Oglala Sioux from “Black Elk Speaks”,
Black Elk & John Neihardt, 1932*

May 31, 2015

Worship Leader: Teresa Carse

**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

* Processional Hymn

Adagio Contabile (abridged) from Sonate Pathétique

(L. von Beethoven)

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Purification Ritual

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the Christ candle we are reminded that Christ came into the world to be a light and inspiration to all peoples and not just to a select few. We are called to follow that light by living with respect for all of creation.

The Christ Candle is lit

Blessing of the Sacred Directions

One: We gather this morning to give praise and thanks to the centre of our circle of life.

We give thanks to the Creator and as we look upon the infinite blue sky or admire the countless stars of the night, we are reminded that the Great Spirit is vast, beautiful and majestic beyond all of our knowing or telling. And as we look down upon Mother Earth, we give thanks to the Creator for all we have: our food, our water, air, shelter and the beautiful beings and creatures with whom we share our source of life. And as we look within, we acknowledge, honour, and give thanks to the Creator, for the Great Spirit is in each one of us.

We turn our thoughts to give thanks for the gifts of each of the directions, acknowledging that it is the

Creator's intention that all nations would come together in peace from the four directions.

We turn our thoughts to the East, the place of the rising sun. In the East is the promise of a new day, the time of all beginnings, of all new things, of all new times, of all new hopes. We light the yellow candle as we see joy and hope.

All: May the light of each dawn enable us to see with new clarity the beauty of creation and give thanks to the Creator that we have a place in each new day. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: We turn our thoughts to the South, the place of the warm sun and new growth. This is the beginning of change in our lives. We light the green candle, and we feel the time of joyful excitement.

All: May we recognize the promise of rebirth among all living things in this part of our Mother the earth, as we await the warm winds of the south. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: We turn our thoughts to the West, the time of ripening growth. As we light the red candle, we know the cool and sustaining waters of the West that calm our maturing hearts with courage, strength and compassionate love.

All: May the setting sun find us at peace with each other so we will have no fear of the darkness. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: We turn our thoughts to the North. This is the place of the cold winter winds and the rich wisdom of fruitful living. We light the white candle of peace and we remember our ancestors and think of the generations to come.

All: May the winter winds give us clear vision of how all life can be nurtured and sustained. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

Amen.

From Ecumenical Jubilee Prayer Service prepared by a group in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 99/2000 –revised by Lee Claus, 2008; revised by Teresa Carse, 2015. Used with permission

Opening Prayer

God of all directions and all that is,
God who is the centre in our circle of life,
fill us with the hope that Easter proclaims:
what was broken has been made whole,
they who were divided have been reconciled,
he who died has been raised to new life.
Strengthen us to be instruments of your redemption,
reconciliation, and renewal in the world.
Hear us now as we pray as one voice ...

*By the Rev. James Ravencroft, Robertson-Wesley United Church, Edmonton, 2007,
revised by Teresa Carse, 2015; used with permission*

Lord's Prayer (in 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: **Sacred Circle**

Gospel Lesson: **John 3:1-17**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children's Hymn **Jesus Loves the Little Children (x 2)**

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children
of the world. *(repeat from beginning)*

*Jesus Loves the Little Children Words by Rev. C.H. Woolston, Music by George
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Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Anthem: **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** *(Alan Smith)*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, still our hearts.

Silence in us all voices but your own.

By your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear.

Following in the footsteps of your Son, show us what you would have us do. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Message I **The Hurt**

Response **Spirit God, Be Our Breath vs. 2** **MV 150**

Patient God: sooth our pride, calm our fear.

Comfort us. When we know you are near

we grow more certain, our vision is clear.

Patient God, calm our fear.

Message II **From Hurt to Healing and Hope**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **There is a Time** **MV 165**

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music: **Lento** *(Leo Böellman)*

* 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*)

**Giver of Life, all that we have is from you.
As we take, we give thanks, and we give back.
May our offerings of time, talent and treasures,
be used to continue the work that Jesus walked
among us to do. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Deep in Our Hearts** **MV 154**

Commissioning:

Return now to the circle of Life, knowing
that the love of Creator God is with us,
the compassion of Jesus inspires us,
the hope of the Holy Spirit comforts us.
May everyone we meet experience
the love, compassion and hope of
the Trinity in all we say and do.

*By Lee Claus, Francis Sandy Theological Centre, 2008;
revised by Teresa Carse, 2015. Used with permission*

* 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: **'Fugue' from Voluntary in D** *(William Selby)*

(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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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
St. Andrew's United Church, Niagara Falls



A voluntary is an organ work that can be performed before, during or after worship. By the mid-18th century, English Voluntaries comprised of two sections (a slow introduction followed by a quicker movement, sometimes imitative as is the case in this particular piece by William Selby). Selby was an 18th century English-born composer, organist and choirmaster who emigrated to Boston, Mass. He held positions in both Newport and Boston over his career.

IN OUR CHURCH:

No Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship until September 8th. We invite the ladies to attend the UCW Potluck on June 9th! Looking forward to seeing you there!

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 for Info.**



In the Book Nook: "Slowing Time," by Barbara Mahany. Seeing the sacred outside your kitchen door. A thorough, practical guide full of wisdom, blessings, recipes, luminous facts, & elegant language. 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 **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.

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.**



Contact the church office for Info

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!



AV Crew	AV Crew
Greeters	Margaret H. Marion M. & Fran C.
Gather 'n Gab	Gordon & Rosemary A.
Counters	Candy D., Don & Anne W.
Ushers	Jim & Vikki T., Ed & Ellen E.
Nursery	Margaret S., Sr.
BookNook	Norma M.
Sunday School	Kelly M.-S.
Lay Reader	Varlerie H.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- June 8 **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

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 *We Share The Air!*
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