
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



August 30, 2015 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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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 **'Morning'** from Peer Gynt Suite *(Edvard Grieg)*

Greeting

One: The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies,
the earth, and the sea.
They share in the fortunes of our existence
and are an important part of human life.
In the story of the great flood,
the animals were saved from the waters,
and afterwards were made a part of the covenant with
Noah.

A giant fish saved Jonah;
ravens brought bread to Elijah.

Animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh;
and animals share in Christ's redemption of all
creation.

We therefore gather to ask God's blessing on these
animals.

As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and give thanks to God for the animals in all our lives.

* Processional Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flow'r that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colors,
 God made their tiny wings.

All things bright...

2. The purpleheaded mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

All things bright...

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them ev'ry one.

All things bright...

3. The rocky mountain splendour,
The lone wolf's haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
The forest in the fall.

All things bright...

5. God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

All things bright...

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.

Music: 17th-century English melody, adapt. and arr. Martin Shaw 1915

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Call To Worship:

Creator God,
you made all things,
and all you made was very good.
Show us how to respect
the fragile balance of life.
Guide by your wisdom those who have power
to care for or to destroy the environment,
that by the decisions they make,
life may be cherished,
and a good and fruitful earth
be preserved for future generations;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

One: God created us and all animals,
sharing the spirit of life with us and all creatures;
therefore let us praise God saying:

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

One: We thank you, God, for the gift of life:
for the beauty and wonder of creation,
and for our own life which comes from you.

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

One: We thank you for the richness and variety of animal life:
for fish and birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals
for dogs and cats, birds, snakes and fish which we
bring into our homes to love and nurture.

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

One: We thank you for the animals
who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are
happy,
and comfort when we are sad.

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

One: We thank you for animals
who are our partners in daily life and work:
Animals such as guide dogs and sniffer dogs, horses
that pull ploughs and wagons and sleighs

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

One: We thank you for allowing us to care for animals and
pets.
May we learn love and respect for all living things.

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

As we pray as one voice:

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: **Tackling the Food Crisis**

Prayer of Illumination:

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

* Children's Hymn **Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands** VU 570

Jesus hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small;
Washing tired feet,
and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus,
let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do;
Let me watch You, Jesus,
till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for You.

Words: Margaret Cropper

Music: Old French melody, harm. Carlton R. Young 1988

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Children's Time
Children's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: **James 1:17-27** *(from The Message)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Message: **"Practice makes Faith"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **God of the Sparrow** VU 229

1. God of the sparrow
 God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake
 God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow
 God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry
 God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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Prayers of the People:

Act of Blessing Animals

One: Bless, O God, this animal
and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being.
For this animal,

All: we thank you, God.

Blessing

One: May God, who created the animals of this earth,
continue to protect and sustain us all,
now and forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering:

Offering

Offertory **'The Swan'** from Carnival of the Animals
(Camille Saint-Saens)

* 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*)

**Ever-present God,
with this offering, we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
and all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus'
sake. Amen**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **This is God's Wondrous World** VU 296

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
 and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is God's wondrous world;
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
 God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
 the birds their carols raise,
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their Maker's praise.
 This is God's wondrous world:
 God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
 God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
 O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is God's wondrous world:
 why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
 God reigns, let earth be glad!

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt..

Music: English traditional melody,

adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915 adapt. Stanly Oliver 1929

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Commissioning: The Prayer of St. Francis

One: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

One: Where there is injury, pardon;

All: Where there is doubt, faith;

One: Where there is despair, hope;

All: Where there is darkness, light;

One: Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that we may

All: not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

One: To be understood as to understand;

All: To be loved as to love.

One: For it is in giving that we receive;

All: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

One: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal live.

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 'The Elephant' from Carnival of the Animals

(Camille Saint-Saens)

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**Please join us for brunch today
immediately after Worship!**

We'll enjoy a time of food, fun & fellowship

Gluten-free selections will be available.

Free will offering (pay as you can).



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Westminster, St. Catharines, Niagara Presbytery



Music Notes - Carnival of the Animals is a musical suite of 14 movements depicting a variety of animals. It was written to be played in private performance by an ad hoc ensemble of two pianos other instruments, including a glass harmonica. The name "glass harmonica" refers to a series of glass or crystal goblets filled to different levels with liquid in order to create different pitches are produced by friction, fingers dipped in water and rubbed around the rims of the glasses. Saint-Saens regarded the work as a piece of fun and didn't want it published during lifetime so that his other music would be taken seriously. His will specified that it be published posthumously. Carnival has since become one of his best known works.

IN OUR CHURCH:



Choir Rehearsals will be starting Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunday School Room. Anybody who likes to sing is encouraged to attend. **See you soon!**

Membership Transfer Sunday September 6 during the 10:30 a.m. service. If anyone would like their membership transferred to St. James'~Rosemount United Church please contact Rev. Heather.



Book Nook: Our volunteers have the summer off. We will be back in September. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Bulletin Photo Contest The United Church of Canada is taking submissions for the bulletin covers. \$100 for each photo used! See community bulletin board for details and forms.



Room Booking Reminder: When planning a meeting or event, check with the office to reserve the required rooms.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!



AV Crew	AV Crew
Gather 'n Gab	Membership & Pastoral Care Committee
Counters	Candy D.
Nursery	Margaret S., Sr.
Layreader	Maureen D.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

BIRTHRIGHT provides non-judgmental support & love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. **We need volunteers!** You can work as an office volunteer, or you can keep our baby and maternity clothes in order, or a volunteer coordinator, or how about a Board Member? If you feel you could be a Birthright volunteer, please call 519-579-3990. BBQ @ Knights of Columbus 797 Guelph St, Kitchener, ON N2H 5Z2 September 9th at 6 p.m. for those interested or with questions about volunteering or serving on the board.

Take Back The Night Rally and march taking place on Thursday, Sept. 17th, 2015! Opening rally begins 6 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall. TBTN addresses the rights of women and transpeople to be safe, without violence, regardless of age, creed, location, numbers, or attire. More info: sascwr.org

Bridgeport United: Kids grow fast! Sadly, their clothes do not. Join us on Saturday September 26, at Bridgeport United Church (40 Bridge St. W.) for our Swap, Don't Shop free children's clothing event! Bring the gently used clothes that don't fit and swap for clothes that do! You do not have to bring something to take something. Toys and books too. Donations of clean, gently used children's clothing, books and toys appreciated in advance of the sale. Please contact the BUC Church at 519 745 0931 or BUC1@bellnet.ca to make arrangements.



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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept. 6 **Membership Sunday**
- ☐ Sept. 8 **Brown Bag Lunch** join us at Noon in the Parlour
- ☐ Sept. 8 **Board Exec. Mtg.** 7:00 p.m. Parlour
- ☐ Sept 10 **Choir Rehearsals** - 7:30 in Sunday School Rm
- ☐ Sept 15 **Unified Board Mtg** - 8:00 p.m. all upstairs

Help us stay up-to-date! Upcoming event? Please inform **both**:

- office (mail@sjruc.ca) **and**
- webmaster (email webmaster@sjruc.ca or Box #36)



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Note: The office will be closed Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 6 & 7,
Friday Sept. 11, and Tues. & Wed., Sept. 15 & 16.



We Share The Air!

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