
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



*Come to us, Holy God,
as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love...*

September 20, 2015 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

**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 from 'The Water Music'** (G. F. Handel)

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Holy God, be with us in our worship. As we open to
Christ's spirit guiding each of us, help us to cherish
our memories and to move forward with your grace.
Amen

The Christ Candle is lit

Call To Worship:

One: Called as people who follow Jesus

All: to worship, and learn, and grow together.

Called as church community

**All: to live and share our compassion, caring and
love.**

As disciples of Jesus, as children of the Creator, as
dancers with the Spirit

All: we worship God with thanks and praise.

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

**All: Come to us, Holy God,
as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.**

**Bless us with your presence;
surround us with your grace.**

**Connect us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst.**

**Through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus
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.**

Minute for Mission:

Community Sharing: I See the Love of God...

*** Hymn We Are the Church**

I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

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all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

*From "All God's Children Sing" Wood Lake Publishing Inc.
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Anthem: "I See the Love of God in Every River"

(David Ouchterlony)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination: God of call, caring, and conversation,
in this time of reflection, open our eyes and hearts to
see your love, and feel your presence here today.
Spirit of Life, as you flow through us in this season,
may we find inspiration and challenge to be your
people of love and your church of hope in this
community and in the world. Amen.

Scripture: **Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**

One: This is the witness of God's Holy people to all
generations.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: **"We Are the Church Together"**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **Blest Be the Tie that Binds** VU 602

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*)

**Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be
brought to life through the power of your creative
Spirit, so that people in this place and around the
world may journey towards healing and
wholeness and newness of life. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn

Deep in our Hearts

MV 154

Commissioning:

One: As you leave this service of worship today:

Look up with eyes that see and with a spirit of wonder; watch for God's awesome creativity and love throughout the coming week.

Look around and be thankful; become aware of the sense of loving faith community that is growing within this congregation.

Look within yourself; recognize God's healing and loving Spirit flowing through you in all that you are, and are becoming....

* 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

Hornpipe from 'The Water Music'

(G. F. Handel)

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Please join us for lunch immediately after the service!



- Catch up with friends you haven't seen over the summer!
- Meet the new minister!
- Enjoy a delicious lunch without cooking or clean up!

Pulled pork sandwich, local corn on the cob, and dessert.

Gluten-free options available.

Free will offering

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Bethel Stone United Church, Paris, Erie Presbytery



'The Water Music' is a collection of orchestral movements which premiered on July 17, 1717 after King George I requested a concert on the River Thames. The King and several aristocrats boarded a royal barge while another barge followed carrying about 50 musicians. The King liked the music so much that he ordered it to be repeated at least 3 times. It was rumoured that the reason for the King's commission was to help him steal back some of the attention from his son (the future King George II) who had been throwing lavish parties and dinners. The prince was worried that his time to rule would be shortened due to his father's long life and he wanted his share of the attention. This was King George I's way of reminding London that he was still there.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: **"Dipping your Toes"** by Rev. Janet Stobie (B.A.,



M.Ed., M.Div.) *This book contains 44 complete services including scriptures, reflections, hymns, and prayers, organized by the calendar year.* On display. Borrow for 3 weeks. Instructions for borrowing are on the desk.

Get To Know SJR: Luncheon - for Fellowship, Fun & Growing Familiarity. In the Rainbow Room **Wed. Sept. 23rd 10:30 am -1:30 pm.** Bring your own brown bag sandwich. Apple crisp & ice cream & beverage will be provided. Ask your questions & get a tour of the church. Singles and couples - come one, come all!

Video Bible Study (VBS) *"If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat"* a 6 Week video Bible Study **Wednesdays in the Parlour 7 p.m - 9 p.m.** Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for us all. But walk on water? What does that mean? Facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word. Discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on our lives and experiencing the power of God to accomplish what we would not be capable of doing on our own.



New Church Photo Directory! Sittings are still available for the end of September! Please contact Margaret S., Sr. or Muriel S. via the church office

F.U.N. Night: You're invited to SJR's very first F.U.N. -

Family Unplugged Night! Friday, **Sept. 25 6 - 8:30 pm:**

If 6 pm sounds too early for you, not to worry. We are going to feed you first and then we are going to have fun at F.U.N. Bring your Family. Bring kids & grand kids, friends or neighbours. Everyone can be part of F.U.N.! Come, learn, play & enjoy an old fashioned board game. We are serving up Crokinole with a side of Chinese Checkers. If you have one of these games that you can bring or we can borrow, please let us know when you sign up (on our website or on the sheet in the narthex). Come and join SJR's F.U.N. Cost: The fun is free; pay-as-you-can for supper.



UCW Unit meeting: "Come and learn the deepest, darkest secrets in the Parlour" on **Monday, Sept. 28th at 7:30 p.m.** All ladies are welcome! No gentlemen please!



Reel Theology: Tues., Sept. 29th at 5:30 Potluck with Film & Discussion to follow. Sign up on back table sheet or www.sjruc.ca (see trailer) In "The Soloist", Jamie Foxx is outstanding in the role as down-and-out street person.

Once a student at the esteemed Julliard School of Music, now with mental issues, he's busking to stay alive. A journalist forms a friendship with him, based on kindness, courtesy and respect. True Story.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew

AV Team

Greeters

Les & Bev H.

Marion M. & Fran C.

Nursery

Margaret S. Sr.

Counters

Ed & Ellen E., Ileen D.

Ushers

Ed & Ellen E., Gord & Rosemarie A.

Lay Reader

Teresa C.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

October "JOY" Day at Parkminster: Waterloo Presbyterial invites all UCW and their friends to our October "JOY" Day at Parkminster United Church on **Saturday Oct 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Joyologist Bonnie Simonato, a vibrant motivational speaker and a master story teller will inspire you to live more joyfully every day. Lunch by Vincenzo Catering will be served at noon followed by musical entertainment by CH'CKL'TS from Cambridge. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Call Barbara Seaton 519 623-1359 to purchase your ticket.



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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept 23 **Get To Know SJR Lunch** 10:30 a.m. Rainbow Rm
- ☐ Sept 23 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Sept 24 **Choir Rehearsals** - 7:30 in Rainbow Room
- ☐ Sept 25 **F.U.N. Family Unplugged Night** - 6 p.m.
- ☐ Sept 29 **Reel Theology** - 5:30 in Long Sunday Sch Rm

Upcoming event? Please inform: office (mail@sjruc.ca) **and**
webmaster (webmaster@sjruc.ca or Box #36)



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We Share The Air!

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