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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



“If you persist in staying silent at a time like this,  
help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews  
from someplace else;  
but you and your family will be wiped out.

*Who knows?*

Maybe you were made queen  
for just such a time as this?”

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September 27, 2015 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

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**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

Prelude    **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!**    *(arr. John Carter)*

\* Processional Hymn    **Sing Praise to God**    VU 221

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: God of Light and Love, we light this candle giving  
thanks and praise that you are with us in our worship  
today and in all of life. Amen.

*The Christ Candle is lit*

Call To Worship:

One: People of God look around you and see what God  
has shaped – Unique human beings, your sisters and  
brothers...

**All: Creations of beauty!**

One: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea...

**All: Creations of joy!**

One: Every star, every atom, every quark...

**All: Creations of love!**

One: Any one of these would have been enough...

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

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

**All: Gracious Creator, we give you thanks that you  
have shaped and sustained all that is. All earth  
and beyond is sacred and so, we too, with the  
breath of your life inside us, are called to sustain  
the sacredness of your gifts. Enable us to share  
our humanness, our individuality, and our desire  
for sacred connection through your Spirit of  
Mystery. We pray in Jesus' name.**

**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.**

Community Sharing: **Enough!**

\* Hymn **If Our God had Simply Saved Us** VU 131

VS 1, 2, 14, & 15

*(Please join the choir on the verses as you feel comfortable)*

**All: (Refrain) Dayeinu**

*(pronounced Die-yea-noo, Hebrew for "enough")*

Anthem: **"O Lord, In Thee We put our Trust"** *(G. F. Handel)*

Minute for Mission: **"Untidy Hope"**

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination: God of Mysterious Presence, we pray that you may come touch and bless our hearts in new ways, so that we may become discerning light and courageous love for such a time as this. Amen.

Responsive Reading: **Psalms 124, Refrain 1** VU page 848

Scripture: The Story of Esther

Message: **"For Such a Time as This"**

Silence

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** MV 12 vs. 1-4

Prayers of the People:

Call for the Offering:

Offering

Offertory: **Adagio**

*(Baldassare Galuppi)*

\* 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*)

**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

**Go Forth for God**

VU 418

Commissioning:

One: Go from this time of worship into the beauty of this  
day. Go forth for God, to share God's love and care  
with our world. Go with God's blessing and with  
God's presence to lead

\* 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

**Trumpet Voluntary Op. 5, No. 1**

*(John Stanley)*

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***Please join us for Gather n' Gab  
immediately after today's service!***



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
***Westminster United Church, St. Catharines, Niagara Presbytery***



The words for the hymn 'Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped' (VU 221) were written by the German poet Joachim Neander in 1680. He was the first important hymn writer of the German Reformed Church. 19 of his hymns could be found in the 1680 edition of the Lutheran hymnal and many are still widely in use today. The text for this hymn was set to the tune 'Lobe Den Herren', which first appeared in an earlier publication with different words. The composer of the tune is unknown. Neander used this music for another of his poems, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (VU 220), which also appeared in the 1680 hymnal.

## **IN OUR CHURCH:**

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



**Reel Theology:** ***Tues., Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30*** Potluck with Film & Discussion to follow. Sign up on back table sheet or [www.sjruc.ca](http://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.

**Book Nook:** ***"LOONIE, Crazy Talk about Faith and Finances"*** by John CanDuzer, *The author is a storyteller with deep faith. He illuminates his pages with common sense and compassion.* On display. Borrow for 3 weeks. Instructions for borrowing are on the desk.





**Highchairs and Booster Seats** (must have safety restraints) for the church for our little ones .who are present at the lunches. Dinners, etc.

**Donut cushion** for our cushion cupboard,  
Do you happens to have a spare? "  
Contact: Muriel **Via the Church Office**

**SJR Reads:** We are an adult (young and old!) book club that enjoys discussing a wide variety of books. We meet for a maximum of 2 hours on a Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour. We welcome new members....just come along! No registration needed.

- ***Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m*** in the church parlour we will be discussing 'Anne of the Island' by L.M. Montgomery (available at KPL).
- Our last meeting for 2015 will be ***Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>*** discussing 'Water for Elephants by Sarah Gruen (available at KPL & WPL)

**Leprosy Mission** - Leprosy is still a reality for millions of people. Untreated, the patient experiences long-term physical disabilities that often prevent employment and result in poverty and isolation. Please refer to the bulletin insert for more information on the Canadian Leprosy Mission "effect:hope". Find out about the about the work that they are doing to eliminate this disease and how you can help. Thank you, Your Mission & Outreach Committee

**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., or Muriel S. **Via the Church Office**

**Board Minutes:** September's Board Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the office



## Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

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| <b>AV Crew</b>        | AV Team  |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Dorothy H., Margaret H.<br>Marion M. & Fran C. |
| <b>Nursery</b>        | Margaret S.Sr.                                 |
| <b>BookNook</b>       | Christine M.                                   |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Dorothy H., Margaret H., Brian M.              |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Don & Anne W., Bill & Millie W.                |
| <b>Gather 'n' Gab</b> | Nancy and Heather E.                           |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>     | Valerie H.                                     |

**Thank you** to TNT Property Maintenance 519-895-0450 for contacting us to donate chips/mulch for the property and community gardens!

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Elvis Is In The House!!!** Roy LeBlanc, a renowned Elvis tribute artist, will be at Calvary United Church on Gruhn St. on Sunday, **October 4 at 2:00 p.m.** Roy was named "The World's Finest Elvis Impersonator" at the annual Elvis Extravaganza in Las Vegas. Proceeds from the concert will support the joint Community Ministry Program of St. Mark's and Calvary. Tickets can be bought in advance from the Calvary United Church office. \$20.00 per adult - \$15.00 per child under 12. C'mon out, bring your friends, step back in time, & enjoy yourself while helping your neighbours..

**October "JOY" Day at Parkminister:** Waterloo Presbyterial invites all UCW and their friends to our October "JOY" Day at Parkminister United Church on **Saturday Oct 3<sup>d</sup>** 10 a.m. - 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 S. **Via the Parkminister United Church Office** to purchase your ticket.



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

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept. 28 **UCW Unit Mtg.** 7:30 in Parlour - Ladies welcome!
- ☐ Sept 29 **Reel Theology** - 5:30 in Long Sunday Sch Rm
- ☐ Sept 28-30 **Directory Photos:** contact Muriel or Marg. S. Sr.
- ☐ Sept 30 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Oct. 1 **Choir Rehearsals** - 7:30 in Rainbow Room
- ☐ Oct. 5 **SJR Reads** - 7 pm in Parlour

**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.***