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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 ~*



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January 10, 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

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are available: Please ask an usher**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol (\*)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: In silence and light, we prepare to worship the Holy  
Mystery we call God.

**All: Praise be to God.**

Prelude      **Song Without Words**      *(Moritz Moszkowski)*

\*Opening Hymn:    **River Run Deep**      v 1-3 MV 163

Call to Worship

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's wonders...

**All: We come to the river – the sparkling waters of  
God's love.**

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's creative spirit...

**All: We come to the river – the buoyant waters of  
God's love.**

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's assurance...

**All: We come to the river – the cleansing waters of  
God's love.**

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's nurture and care...

**All: We come to the river – the healing waters of  
God's love.**

One: Come beloved, seekers of God's abiding presence...

**All: We come to the river – the refreshing waters of  
God's love.**

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

**God of Grace, we stand on the shoreline of faith.  
Descend upon us this day, as you descended  
upon Jesus on the day of his baptism. Help us to  
wade into the deep waters of your love. Heal our  
brokenness, and help us to feel the fullness of  
your love. May we feel awash in the cleansing  
waters of baptism, and encourage us into the ebb**

**and flow of life as people of the water and of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray singing...**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth; Hallowed be Thy name;  
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us God all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name;  
As we forgive all our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.

And lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name;  
But deliver us from all evil. Hallowed be Thy name.

For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and glory;  
Hallowed be Thy name;  
Forever and forever and ever. Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so; Hallowed be Thy name;  
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.

*From "All God's Children Sing",  
Wood Lake Publishing, License #0213615*

Sharing for All Ages "Remember Your Baptism"

\* Hymn **Crashing Waters at Creation** VU 449  
(tune Stuttgart VU 444)

Children leave for Classes

Minute for Mission

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

Scripture: **Psalm 29** VU 756  
**Gospel of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Anthem: **Wade In the Water** (trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan)

Message: You Are God's Beloved

\* Hymn **Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives** vs 1, 3, 5, MV 6

Prayers of the People

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music **Adagio**

(W. A. Mozart)

\* Offering Response

**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*

\*Dedication of the Offering (*unison*)

**Loving God, as your Spirit descended upon Jesus  
when he came up from the water of the Jordan  
River, so may your Spirit descend upon the  
offering of our lives and these financial resources,  
to be a blessings to the world as Jesus' life and  
ministry have been a blessing to us. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Closing Hymn **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

VU 375

\* Commissioning

\* 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: **Sortie in B-Flat**

(Leon Boëhlmann)

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

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**Japanese United Church, Hamilton**



Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) was an escaped African-American slave who made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved family and friends using the Underground Railroad. Because many slaves knew the secret meanings of their music, these songs could be used to signal many things. For example, Tubman used 'Wade In the Water' to tell escaping slaves to get off the trail and into the water to make sure the dogs slave catchers used couldn't sniff out their trail. Tubman also used slave songs to relay other messages. Sometimes she had to leave a group she was leading in order to get food or other necessities. She would tell them to hide and wait for her signal. If she came back and sang one song two times, they would know it was safe to come out of hiding. If there was danger she would sing a particular song to tell them to stay put until she sang the "all clear" song..

### IN OUR CHURCH:

**Coming Next Week!** Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, and that means... LUNCH! Please join us after worship next Sunday for a hearty lunch, shared with friends you know & those you've yet to meet. Cost is pay-as-you-can. Mark your calendars!



### **SJRUC - Syrian Refugee Response Survey**

Some of you have received a link to a short survey by email this past week. If you have not we'd still like to hear from you! Email the church office at mail@sjruc and ask for the link to the survey **OR** complete one of the printed copies which can be found in the narthex.

**Many many thanks** to the following people who baked, packed and delivered Christmas cards and plates of cookies to our 33 shut-ins, - Laurie M., Donna S., Evelyn S., Joan B., Dianne D., Sarah B., Carol W., Ileen D., Gillian M., Muriel S., and Rev. Meg. Your willingness to help in this Pastoral Care Mission is much appreciated. Thank you again! *Margaret S.*

**God's Mission - Our Gifts January is PAR month!**

*Pre-Authorized Remittance (P.A.R.)* If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bills, taxes or mortgage, then you already understand the PAR principle. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation with a dependable flow of contributions which increases our overall financial stability. Why not participate in PAR? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table.

**SJR Reads:** We are meeting **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30** in the church parlour to discuss the book '**Cross Roads: A Novel**' *by Wm. Paul Young* (author of 'The Shack' - the first book we discussed when the group was formed!) All are welcome to join us for an interesting and fun discussion! Any questions or need a ride, contact Charmian via the church office.

**"Uppity"** means rebelliously self-assertive not inclined to be tractable or deferential. It meant survival for Ruth and Naomi. Join us beginning **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for four weeks as we take a look at two more "uppity" women of the Old Testament - Esther and Judith. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table if you plan to attend. Thanks!

**Book Nook: Just Walk Across the Room, by Bill Hybels.**



Simple steps pointing people to FAITH. Take that step and introduce yourself to someone you do not know. Eventually your conversation may turn to your FAITH Journey. Try it. On display - Borrow for 3 weeks.

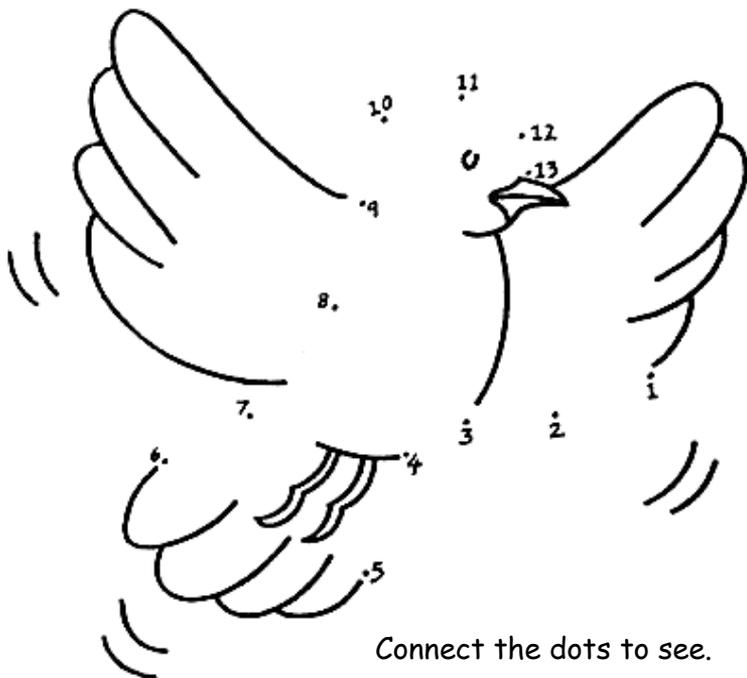
**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** The congregation at SJR is amazing!!! Together we have surpassed our 2015 Mission and Service goal of \$30,000!!!! *Your Mission and Outreach Committee – Maureen D., Doug R. and Lynda B.*

<b><u>Thanks to our Volunteers this week!</u></b>	
<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Roy K. & Evelyn S. Marion M. & Fran C.
<b>Gather n'n Gab</b>	Nancy E.
<b>Counters</b>	Steve W., Eric W., Brian M.
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol W., Joan K., Jim & Vikki T.
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Don W.

# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

For the young at heart!

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of what?



According to Scripture, what does the name Jesus mean?

- A. "God is with us."
- B. "Anointed One of God"
- C. "(The Lord) will save his people from their sins."
- D. "Son of the Most High God"

*Answer: C (See Matthew 1:21.)*

**Je·sus** (jē'zəs)  
The Way.  
The Truth.  
The Life.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan 13 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Jan 17 **Stay for Lunch after the Service!**
- Jan 18 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 - 3:30 Parlour
- Feb 7 **Annual Congregational Meeting** - 12:00 noon

*Please check the bulletin board for  
upcoming community events!*

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