
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



As we worship together and look to Jesus' life, we
encounter the true character of God,
who, among other things, is
creative, loving, compassionate, gracious,
faithful, steadfast,
powerful, just, and forgiving...
Worship takes us into the heart of God.

January 24, 2016 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
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: One: As we light this Christ Candle we quieten our minds and open our hearts to the Source of Life, and Light, and Love.

Prelude **Prelude on 'Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown'**
(Larry Shackley)

*Opening Hymn:

It's A Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

Call to Worship

One: God of All Being, bless us with an awareness of your presence.

All: Mysterious Spirit dancing in the shadows of our lives, fill us with your presence.

One: Surprise us with your mysteries in the midst of our living.

All: Flow through our minds and bodies so we may become familiar with the unusual.

One: Transform us with the deep assurance of your love.

All: Tear the fabric of our lives that we may be open to your source of unending love.

One: In all we say and do, help us to follow Jesus.

All: Engage our beings in the wise, courageous, compassionate action of love that gifts us in all the moments of life.

One: Open us to experiences never imagined or expected.

All: Bold Maker, we join the chorus of all creation in presenting to you our songs of thanksgiving and praise, as we continue 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

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 19 VU pg 740 *only*, refrain 2
Glory and Praise to God Whose Word Brings Life!

Anthem **“How Can I Keep From Singing?”** (*Robert Lowrey*)

Decommissioning the Sanctuary Mural “Hope for Man”

Presentation to the Artist, Monte Wright

* Hymn **God Who Gives to Life its Goodness** VU 260

Gospel: **Luke 4:14-21**

Message: **“Wow! That’s a Life-Changer!”**

Hymn **Spirit, Open My Heart** MV 79

Prayers of the People

Hymn **In the Bulb there is a Flower** VU 702
(in memory of Jean Schneider)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

'Récit' from Suite de Premier Ton

(Denis Bédard)

* 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*)

**All: God of Abundant Creativity, we offer you all that
we are along with these gifts, that your Kingdom
of inclusion, justice, and loving-kindness may
flow through all creation. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **One More Step**

VU 639

* 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 **Psalm 19 The Heavens Declare** *(Benedetto Marcello)*

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

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We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
Jean Schneider who died Sunday, January 17, 2016.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Laidlaw Memorial United Church, Hamilton



Our prelude today is based on the hymn 'Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown' which is part of a larger poem entitled 'Wrestling Jacob', written by Charles Wesley. The entire work was first published in 1742 in 14 stanzas of 6 lines and deals with the point in Jacob's life when he wrestles with God. The poem received high praise but was considered unsuitable for congregational use because of its length. Some denominations chose to omit verses while the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York chose to break it into 4 parts for its 1842 hymnal, each numbered as a separate hymn. 'Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown' is the first section and was set to the Scottish folksong "The Caledonian Hunt's Delight" written by James Millar, a clerk at the General Register House in Edinburgh. This folksong became better known as 'Ye Banks and Braes' when the words from Robert Burns' famous poem were set to the tune in 1791 by Burns himself.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Helping Others Today the Primary Sunday School Class is learning about the beginning of Jesus' ministry of helping others. We would like to help others too and so we are going to help everyone to remember to bring food for the Food Bank. Watch for us after the Worship Service.

UCW Unit Meeting Featuring a speaker from Lisaard House. Join us on **Mon. Jan. 25th at 7:30** in Parlour. All ladies welcome!

Membership Sunday will be held next week **Jan. 31**. Please contact Rev. Meg, or Margaret Shoemith at 226-647-0645 (note: this is a new phone # for Margaret) if you are interested in transferring your membership or joining by profession of faith.

January Book Nook/Library Sale! We have videos in our library which we no longer need. They are for children and adults. We are offering them for sale at \$1 each with some exceptions. These will be available for 2 weeks. You will find them on a table opposite the Rose Room. Payments is on the honour system.



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

Pre-Authorized Remittance (P.A.R.) How to participate in PAR.....Prayerfully decide what you will give each year and divide that amount by 12. Fill out the authorization form, and attach a cheque marked "VOID". It's that simple! Making an offering is an important part of our worship time together. We will give you PAR cards to place on the offering plate as a symbol of your gift. Why not participate in PAR? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table.

The Annual Congregational Meeting for

St. James'~Rosemount United Church will be held **February 7st** after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



The Jesus Fatwah Much of what passes for information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. ***In The Jesus Fatwah - Love your (Muslim) Neighbour as Yourself*** - seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. Join Rev. Meg for five weeks -beginning **Wednesday, February 10th - in the Parlour from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** for this very informative study. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

Board and Committee News: We have new Co-Chairpeople to facilitate our 2016 Unified Board - Brian Madill and Teresa Carse! Now **we need** a person willing to be our **Worship Committee Chairperson** and coordinate the committee and organize, with the minister, when 'what services' will take place. We have very busy Sundays. And we need **a person to coordinate the Pastoral Care and Membership Committee**, a committee with dedicated visitors and people to keep up our membership contact. We also have **six more committee positions** to fill. Please take a look at the list in the Rainbow Room and consider volunteering your time and talent for one year on the Unified Board. There are five Board meetings in a year and the committees meet at the will of the Chairperson.



Book Nook: Wintertime is a time for making SOUP. Our children's book **Stone Soup** puts a new twist on soup making! On display - borrow for 3 weeks

Open House Please join us on **Sunday Jan 31**
any time between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for



an Open House displaying our 300 square foot Christmas Village featuring mountains, 70 buildings and 600 characters! The open house is at the home of Dave and Barb Potje (from Olivet United Church), 52 Randerson Ave. Kitchener. **The Olivet Memory Book will also be unveiled on this day.**



Notes of Thanks to Givers!

Mission & Service: Thank you!

The congregation at SJR is amazing!!! Together we have surpassed our 2015 Mission and Service goal of \$30,000!!!

Leprosy Mission: Your donation of your used stamps makes a BIG difference! Last year's total for all across Canada was over \$10,000 for the Leprosy Mission. Thank you to all who contribute! Keep saving those stamps!

Community Support Connections, Meals on Wheels and More

sent the following note to the donors at Olivet United Church: *"We were absolutely delighted to receive your generous donation on behalf of the congregation at Olivet United Church! We are honoured to be among the worthy causes your group invested in here in Waterloo Region. Please pass on our thanks to the parties involved, and let them know how much your thoughtfulness means to our clients, older adults, and adults with disabilities here in our community. You support will allow us to help even more clients live in their own home."*

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Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

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| AV Crew | IT Crew |
| Greeters | Gordon & Shirley D.
Marion M. & Fran C. |
| Nursery | Alison R. |
| Gather N Gab | Evelyn S., Vikki T. |
| BookNook | Millie W. |
| Counters | Teresa C., Don & Anne . |
| Ushers | Freddi M., Valerie H.
Nancy E., Grace A. |
| Lay Reader | Janice B. |



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan. 25 **UCW Unit Mtg** - 7:30 in the Parlour
- Jan. 31 **Membership Sunday**
- Feb. 7 **Annual Congregational Meeting** - 12:00 noon
- Feb. 10 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour

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

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**Find out about SJR church service cancellations
due to weather conditions tune into:**

- Church Website: sjruc.ca
- CHYM FM 96.7
- 570 AM News



We Share The Air!

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