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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 ~*



Welcome  
*to* Worship

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January 31, 2016 - 4<sup>th</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: Jesus is the Light of the World.

**All: May the light of Christ shine steadily in us.**

Prelude **Duetto (Souvenir of Beethoven)** *(Stephen Heller)*

\*Opening Hymn: **Come In, Come In and Sit Down** VU 395

Call to Worship

One: On this day, which is holy, we gather,

**All: not alone, but as Christ's body.**

One: On this day of celebration, we gather;

**All: not in isolation, but in community.**

One: Let us worship God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

**Loving God, with joy you touch our spirits and  
call us to worship you; with beauty you touch our  
eyes and minds and call us to creativity; with  
justice you touch our hearts and consciences and  
call us to new ways of living; in community you  
link us to others and call us to be the church. We  
come in worship to renew our spirits to further  
your kingdom on earth.**

**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.**

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

One: On behalf of St. James'~Rosemount congregation,  
I present the following persons  
whom we welcome into the membership  
of this community of faith:

*Debbie E.*

*Debbie S.*

*Albert A.*

\*Congregational Commitment:

One: Dear friends in Christ,  
let us pledge to these people our support and care.

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and our support.  
With God's help, we will together live out  
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

\* Affirmation Of Faith: **A New Creed** VU 918

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities  
of membership in this congregation.  
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

\*Hymn **Deep In Our Hearts**

MV 154

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 71** VU 789, part one  
**Rock of Refuge**

Observation of World Leprosy Day: Mission and Outreach

Anthem **Your Love Streams Down On Me** (*Rhonda Woodward*)

Letter of Paul: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13** The Way of Love

One: This is the Word of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **Extravagant Love**

Prayer-Hymn **Though I May Speak** VU 372

Prayers of the People

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music **I Minuet (Song of the Quail)**

**II Andantino**

**IV Minuet**

**from "Pieces for Mechanical Clock"** (*Franz Joseph Hayden*)

\* 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: Caring God who calls us to love, may we offer to  
you these material gifts and our whole selves, so  
that justice and true love may come to each  
person as your Kingdom spreads throughout the  
world. Amen.**

# WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Closing Hymn **O for a World**

VU 697

\* 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 **II March - from "Pieces for Mechanical Clock"**

*(Franz Joseph Hayden)*

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

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## **January 31<sup>st</sup> - World Leprosy Day**

SJRUC will be observing World Leprosy Day today as part of our commitment to Mission & Outreach. You will find a flyer in the bulletin today, and we will be reading and showing a short 5 minute video about Leprosy and the efforts being put forth by "Effect: Hope", The Leprosy Mission Canada, which is a Christian development organization, focused on positive change for people living with leprosy. Please join us as we pray for those afflicted with the disease and those directly involved with efforts to help them.



Haydn's 'Pieces for Mechanical Clock' (Flötenuhr) were written in 1792 for a famous clock in Vienna. They were played automatically on a small organ operated by a clock mechanism driven by weights and springs. Music notes were encoded onto wooden barrels or cylinders inside the organ using metal pins or staples. Each barrel typically carried several different tunes. Music was composed especially for organ clocks by such famous composers as Haydn, Beethoven, and Mozart. These instruments were usually used for entertainment in the homes of the wealthy, and were most popular during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**IN OUR CHURCH:**

**Open House TODAY!** 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 P. Email [webmaster@sjruc.ca](mailto:webmaster@sjruc.ca) for address.

***The Olivet Memory Book will also be unveiled on this day.***

**Sunday School: "Inside Out"** For the next four weeks the children and youth program focuses on "Inside Out", Disney's animated inventive film exploring our emotions. Each week the kids are watching 1/4 of the movie and joining in for discussions and activities. This movie is now on Netflix and available to parents and young-at-hearts.

**SJRUC Syrian Refugee Response Survey** Thank you to those that have completed the online survey regarding SJRUC's response to the Syrian Refugee efforts. The M&O Committee would like to apologize for the confusion that the paper survey has caused. It has been revised and is available in the Narthex for those members that would prefer to respond on paper as opposed to online - these surveys can be left with Monica or in Mailbox 32. The M&O Committee invites everyone to complete the survey so we can get a sense of where our efforts as a congregation should be directed. We would like to provide an overview of the responses at the upcoming AGM on ***February 7<sup>th</sup>***.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** for St. James'~Rosemount United Church will be held ***February 7<sup>st</sup>*** after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. ***Please bring your copy of the annual report with you. Copies can be found at the back of the church. One per family, please.***



**World Day Of Prayer** SJR, Stanley Park Baptist, Kitchener East Presbyterian, St. Anthony Daniel RC, & Hope Lutheran invite you to join us on ***Friday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m. at Stanley Park Baptist Church*** (the corner of Lorraine and River Road)

**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. Payment is on the honour system.



**Helpers For Our “Angels”** We have 37 “angels” registered in our Nursery and Sunday School classes - and we’re growing! We need your help: Having a 2<sup>nd</sup> person to assist with the Nursery or Sunday School is always helpful for the leader. We also need a team of two people to work together to teach from time to time. Please take a look at the sheets on the table and sign up for a Sunday or a series of Sundays. It’s an easy way to get to know our “angels”. You’ll be glad you did... and so will we!

**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 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parlour from 7 p.m.-9 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:** ***Waterbugs and Dragonflies***, by Doris Stickney. Explaining death to young children. There are a variety of children/grief books in section # 5 “Grief and Loss” - if you are in need, search them out.

### **Thanks to our Volunteers this week!**

<b>AV Crew</b>	Jim Carse & Crew
<b>Greeters</b>	Glenn & Donna Thompson Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell
<b>Nursery</b>	Margaret Shoesmith, Sr.
<b>Gather N Gab</b>	Rosemary & Gord Ambrose
<b>BookNook</b>	Norma Mosgrove
<b>Counters</b>	Tom & Linda Smith, Ileen Darasch
<b>Ushers</b>	Roy Knight, Evelyn Shantz Cec Omand, Ena Arnot
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Anne Willcox



### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**



- ☐ 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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**\*Note: Monica will out of the office Feb. 4.**

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- Church Website: [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)
- CHYM FM 96.7
- 570 AM News



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