
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~

Living through
“In-Between”
Times

February 28, 2016 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
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

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come;
and over you the glory of God has dawned.
Christ is with us.

ALL: Christ is in our midst.

Prelude **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (Nettleton)
(arr. John Carter)

*Opening Hymn **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing** VU 559

Call to Worship

One: Come, everyone who thirsts, all who are hungry.

**All: We hear God calling: The gates of Holiness are
open wide!**

One: Come, all who need a welcome, all who are searching
for hope, all who are longing for home.

**All: "Enter in!" God says, "The gates are open wide."
Let us joyfully enter into God's presence with
worship and praise.**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, we seek you and our souls thirst for you.

Wash away the dryness and weariness in our lives.

**Be as water for our thirsty souls. Fill us with hope,
and revive us with your glorious presence,
through your gift of the Holy Spirit.**

We pray as Jesus' taught:

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.

Children Go to Classes

Minute for Mission

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading **Psalm 63**

VU 781, Refrain 2

Hebrew Prophets: **Isaiah 55**

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

Let us pray:

**All: Gracious God, we seek you;
we return to you. Have mercy upon us.
May your word bear fruit in us.
May our spirits and bodies be refreshed in your
nearness. Amen.**

Anthem: **Come to the Water** (Isaiah 55:1,2,6,12)(*Henry Hinnant*)

Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

Message: **God of In-Between Times**

Hymn **Spirit God, Be Our Breath**

MV 150

Prayers of the People

One: O God...

All: Be as water for our thirsty souls.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music **Prelude on St. Agnes** (Durham) *(Neil Harmon)*

* 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.**

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*Dedication of the Offering *(unison)*

**All: Ever-present God,
you have made of life a rich feast for our souls,
filling our hearts with hope and joy.
Grant that we, too, through these offerings and all
that we do, may be a source of hope and joy to
others. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **O Jesus, I Have Promised** VU 120

* Commissioning *(unison)*

**All: May we be more aware
of God's blessing to us each and every day.
From dawn until dark,
may we consciously draw near to Jesus' leading.
May we rejoice in the fullness of the Holy Spirit
as we serve with hope and joy and peace.**

* 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)

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

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Balmoral and Cheapside United Churches (Erie Presbytery)

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We extend our sympathy to Charmian P. & Hong S., and their family, on the passing of Charmian's mother, Phyllis Patrick, Thursday, February 25, 2016.



"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (the original and more common title) was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) at age 22 in 1757. Robinson lived in poverty after age 5 following his father's death but he still received an education thanks to an uncle. At age 14 he was apprenticed to a barber and hairdresser in London. Here he was exposed and converted to Methodism and he would eventually accept a call to a chapel in Cambridge. His congregation would eventually number more than 1000. Robinson was able to buy a farm where he kept cattle and sheep, grew barley and wheat, and was a corn and coal merchant when he wasn't preaching. Today we sing this hymn to the American folk tune 'Nettleton'. There is disagreement about who composed the melody, John Wyeth, a printer, or Asahel Nettleton, a roving preacher and hymn collector.

IN OUR CHURCH:

UCW Unit Meeting featuring members and friends sharing and displaying their hobbies. Join us on **Mon. Feb. 29th at 7:30** in the Parlour. All women welcome. Contact person Norma M. via the church office.

Syrian Refugee Settlement The MCC is collecting good clean furniture at their warehouse in Elmira. They really need and want donations but it is practically essential to deliver it there. They need volunteers. But that said, they really appreciate our donations, so please consider helping. *Muriel*

Book Nook: Humphrey, by Carol Heyer. The camel who witnessed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On display, borrow for 3 weeks.



The Kenya Committee wishes to thank the congregation of St. James'~Rosemount United Church for their ongoing support of the Kenya Education Project for high school and technical school students in Ugunja. For 2016 the total contribution from St. James was just over \$13000.00. We have two new sponsors for the high school program giving us a total of eight students being sponsored. We are supporting nine students at the Nyasanda Technical Institute, three in year one and six in year two. Some of your contribution goes to partial sponsorship to help those who can contribute some but not all of the high school costs.



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement which started in the USA in 1887 quickly spread around the world. Today it is celebrated on the first Friday in March in over 170 countries, including 3,500+ communities across Canada. Through this Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people, praying with them and for them; and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Each year the prayer service is prepared by a committee of women from a different county. This year the service was prepared by the Women of Cuba.

World Day of Prayer Services will be held in Kitchener at the following Churches and times Fri. March 4th, 2016:

- Trinity United Church, 74 Frederick St., at Noon, followed by lunch
- St Anne's Roman Catholic Church, 268 East Ave. at 1 p.m.
- Westheights Brethren in Christ Church, 82 Westheights Dr. 1 p.m.
- St Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, 11 Traynor Ave. at 2 p/m/
- Stanley Park Baptist Church, 31 Lorraine Ave. at 2 p.m.
- St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard St. at 7 p.m.

Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas will be purchased through the Flower Fund to decorate sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a memorial donation of \$10.00 to the Flower Fund, please sign the sheet in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the Church Office **by March 20th**. Place your donation in an envelope with your name and **mark "Easter Flower Fund"** and leave on the collection plate. A list of the names of the donors will be included in the Easter church bulletin.



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Bob & Betty M. Marion M. & Fran C.
Nursery	Alison R.
Gather N Gab	Nancy E.
BookNook	Norma M.
Counters	Steve W., Eric W., Roy K.
Ushers	Donna S., Joan K. Valerie H., Freddi M.
LayReader	Don W.



***Interested in joining our volunteers?
Please contact the church office.***

IN OUR COMMUNITY:



IPods Wanted!

Do you have any spare Ipods that you're not using? The Alzheimer Society is collecting them - to be given to their clients. There is a box located in the narthex for the mp3 players. Please contact the church office for more information about this project.

National Service Dogs Presentation: Friday March 4, 7-9 p.m.

Please join us for an interesting presentation about the National Service Dog Program. Come and learn more about these amazing dogs and the many ways they are able to help people in our communities. All are welcome. Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd E. 519-744-3481 Hosted by Forest Hill United Church Youth Group

Music of Heart and Home Benefit Concert Proceeds to Syrian refugee family sponsored by K-W Heart and Home **Sunday, March 6 2:30 pm** Knox Presbyterian Church 50 Erb St W, Waterloo \$20/\$10 students 519-745-1205



Inshallah concert "Singing With Our Neighbours" will be presented on Saturday, March 5 at Knox at 7 pm-- Kiswahili Singers (from Kenya) as well as the other three guests. Note -- Free Admission with donations to Waterloo Region Refugee House on David St.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Feb. 29 **UCW Unit Meeting** - 7:30 in the Parlour
- Mar. 2 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Mar. 4 **World Day of Prayer** - 2 p.m. Stanley Park Baptist
- Mar. 20 **Easter Flower Donation Deadline**

***Please check the bulletin board &
www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events.***

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