
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 6, 2016 - Lenten Communion
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol: *

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Christ Candle

One: The days become longer and longer – and we
celebrate the light of the sun.

**All: We light this candle to celebrate the presence of
Christ in our midst to enlighten our way.**

Prelude **I Will Arise and Go to Jesus** (arr. John Carter)

*Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

Call to Worship

One: Whoever we are, God says, "You are welcome here."

**All: Whatever we have been, God says, "You are
welcome here."**

One: In the midst of temptation, anxiety, or confusion, God
says to us, "You are welcome here."

**All: Whether we feel we deserve it or not, God says to
us, "You are welcome here."**

One: You are welcome here. Let us worship our God who
embraces us with love.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**God of outstretched arms,
you welcome us to this place.**

**You invite us to experience forgiveness,
community, welcome, and an overwhelming sense of
the love that you pour out to all.**

**Expand our hearts that we may feel your love,
and that we may share it with one another here.**

**May we leave this place committed to sharing your
love in our world. In Jesus' name 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.**

Minute for Mission

* Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** MV 12 vs 1,2,5

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3,11b-24**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: **"God of Outstretched Arms"**

Anthem: **Gentle Voice** *(Susan and Lee Dengler)*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn **In the Bulb There is a Flower** VU 703
In memory of Phyllis Richards Patrick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music **Prelude on 'Aberystwyth'** *(Healey Willan)*

* Offering Response
(tune: The Church's One Foundation)

**Refreshed by living waters,
renewed by living bread;
May we, your sons and daughters,
by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow.**

*Dedication of the Offering *(unison)*

**All: We return to you, Gracious God,
from the extravagance we have been given. May
we continue to generously share what we have,
so that your light and your love may spread
throughout this city and around the globe. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn **As We Gather At Your Table** VU 457

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Welcome and Remembrance

Blessing:

**All: Come, holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and
bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our
eating and drinking that our eyes might be open,
that we might recognize Christ in our midst,
indeed in one another. Come, holy Spirit, come.**

Prayer following Communion

**All: God of Love, we thank you for this simple
common meal that brings the spirit and reality of
Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to
you. May our lives be inspired by your
extravagant love, and through us may your love
touch others. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **We Are Marching** (x 2) VU 646

* Commissioning (*unison*)

* 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 **Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten** (J.S. Bach)
(If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee)

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



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Old Windham United Church, Erie Presbytery

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"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" is the alternate title and refrain for the hymn "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy". It first appeared in print in William "Singin' Billy" Walker's 'Southern Harmony' in 1835, the most popular tune book of the 19th century. Walker was a singing school instructor in South Carolina and Southern Harmony was compiled to teach his students how to read music. It contained 335 sacred songs in shape



notation (circles, triangles, squares and diamonds representing the pitches).

Many Southern Harmony songs still appear in hymnals today including 'Amazing Grace' and 'Wondrous Love'.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Privately Sponsored Syrian Refugees The MCC is collecting good clean furniture at their warehouse in Elmira (6 Arthur Street N. Elmira - across from Shoppers Drug Mart.) Ask yourself if you would pass it on to your kids! They really need & want donations but it is practically essential to deliver them there. They need volunteers. But that said, they really appreciate our donations, so please consider helping. During March they will be open Thursdays & Fridays 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Carol, email: bch1973@gmail.com

Book Nook: We have a new banner in the library! It represents Compassion/Action. The volunteer hands in it are from our volunteers in the nursery, Sunday School teachers & volunteers, and our library volunteers. Visit our library and observe!



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	Ed & Ellen E. Marion M. & Fran C.
Nursery	Margaret S. Sr.
Gather N Gab	Jessie M., Michelle S.
BookNook	Christine M.
Counters	Teresa C., Herb & Lynda B.
Ushers	Doug R., Cec O. Terry & Sandra J.
LayReader	Valerie H.



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

IN OUR COMMUNITY:



IPods Wanted!

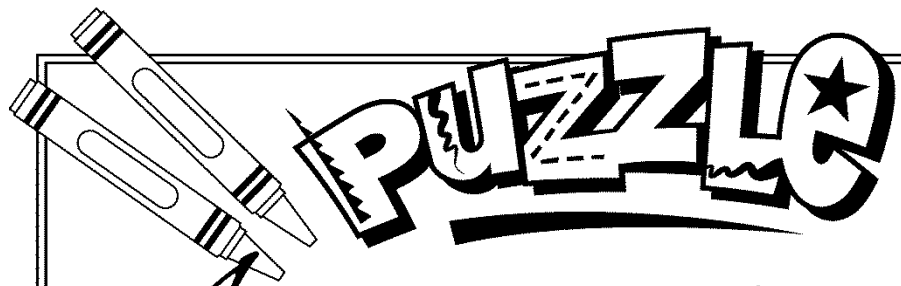
Do you have any spare Ipods that you're not using? The Alzheimer Society is collecting them - to be given to their clients. There is a box located in the narthex for the MP3 players. Please contact Ena A. for more information about this project.

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.

Kitchener-Waterloo Community Orchestra: Concert featuring Kiwanis Festival Youth Concerto Winners. **Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.** at Knox Presbyterian, 50 Erb St. W.



A new creation

Just as spring brings beauty and renewal,
in Christ we, too, are made new.

Directions: Follow each flying butterfly to its correct number. Then write that word on the line with the corresponding number to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

"Therefore, _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ , _____ 7 _____
 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ : _____ 12 _____ 13 _____
 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ , _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Mar. 9 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Mar. 20 **Easter Flower Donation Deadline**
- ☐ Mar. 20 **You're invited to stay for Lunch after the service**

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

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