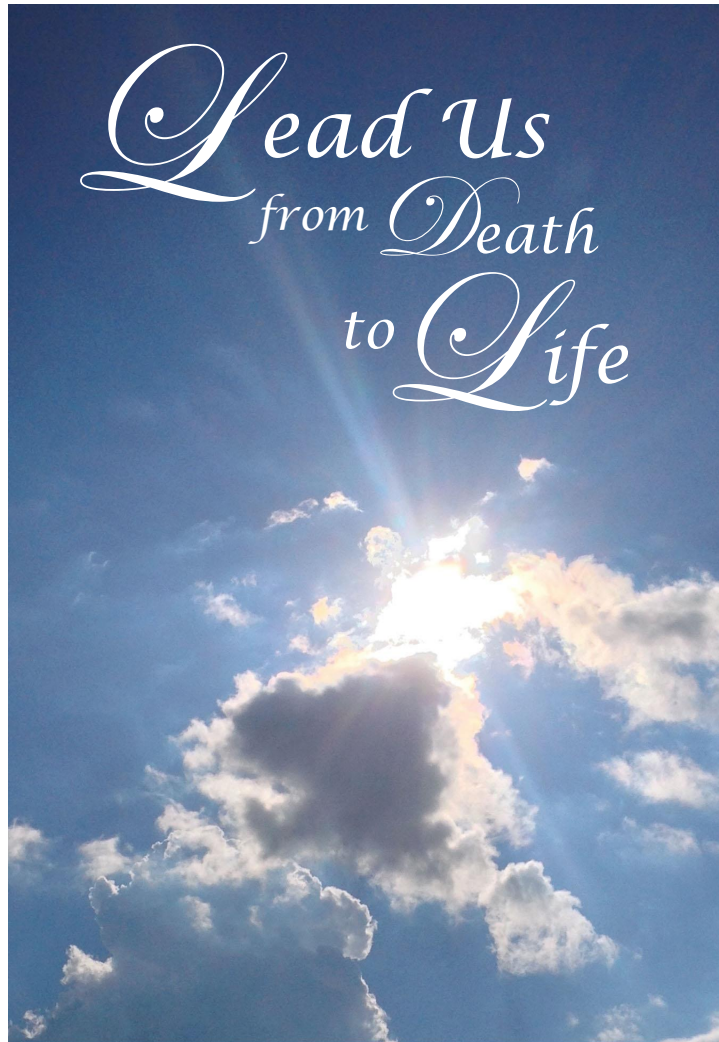


St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 17, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Easter
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

One: Jesus is the Light of the World.

**ALL: May the light of Christ shine in us,
and around us, every day.**

Prelude

*Opening Hymn **Open My Eyes, That I May See** VU 371

Call to Worship

One: There is a resurrection story
of a man who was blind to God,
turning on a Damascus roadway
towards a new life in Christ.

**All: With light breaking through hatred's walls
and a victim's grace-filled encouragement,
the persecutor's eyes were opened
and how different everything was.**

One: This is the place of rebirth.

All: Let us worship together and be renewed.

Opening Prayer

One: Easter made a world of difference to Jesus' disciples.

**All: It makes a world of difference to us.
We are no longer bound by worn traditions
and confining habits we long to leave behind.**

One: Easter makes a world of difference to us.

**All: We are able to see our family
and friends in a fresh light.
We are open to forgive and be forgiven.**

One: Easter makes a world of difference to our church.

**All: We are ready to praise from the heart, and are
freed to share the Good News of hope with friends
and strangers.**

One: Easter brings new life to our world.

All: The selfish and abusive are seen for what they are, and the crying needs of the poor become our reason to spread Good News in many ways.

One: God's love, joy, hope and peace is ours.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children teach us **"God is With Us"** *Tune: Frere Jacques*
(Children will sing, and congregation is echo)

God is with us...

Every day...

God will always love us...

Thank you God...

Children Go to Classes

Anthem **The Lord Never Closes His Eyes** *(David Angerman)*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer Of Illumination

One: Let us pray:

All: O God, our light and salvation, shine upon us.

Open our hearts and our imaginations, that we

may hear and be moved by your message for us

today. Amen.

Responsive Reading **Psalm 30**

VU 757

Readings of the Early Church **Acts 9: 1-6, 17-20**

"Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus"

Choir: **Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New** MV 115

One: May God bless our reading from the days of the Early Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: **"Lead Us From Death to Life"**

Hymn **Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New** (x 2)MV 150

Prayers for the People

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

* 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: God of Abundance,
for what you have given – thank you!
God of Vision,
for what you have invited us to do – thank you!
God of Courage,
for whom you have called us to be – thank you!
Bless our being, our doing, and our having,
that we might share all your gifts well,
and with joy.
Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **One More Step Along the World...** VU 639

* Commissioning (*unison*)

All: We go from this sanctuary, trusting in the power of God: that can make friends of strangers; can turn mourning to dancing; and can bring life from death. Praise be to God! Amen.

* 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

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*Thank you to Martin Bauer who is joining us
to lead our music worship today*

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***Please join us today
after the service for lunch!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Ryerson United Church, Ancaster

IN OUR CHURCH:

Anniversary Sunday - Please join us ***next Sunday, April 24***, as we celebrate SJR's 62nd Anniversary with special guest minister, Rev. Rob Selby. All are invited to stay after the service for coffee and cake. Happy Anniversary to us!

Questions Of Faith - "Who Needs Organized Religion?" and "What Matters Anyway?" Join us Wednesday evening ***April 20th (7 till 9)*** in the Parlour as we ponder these questions with some excellent input from some contemporary Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish thinkers



Thank You: Your Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank so many for their contributions in ensuring the “Spring into Song” service was a success!! Alison and the choir: Your music was beautiful and truly inspiring. Rev. Meg: Helping us plan, putting together the service, and finding our amazing speaker. Jim Carse: Seamless visual presentation and exceptional sound. Confirmation class and mentors: Collecting the offering. Our congregation: ***together we raised almost \$1300 which equals \$6500 with government matching. WOW!!!!!!***”

SJR Reads will be meeting twice more this spring to discuss the following books. We meet in the church parlour at 1:30 p.m. Both books are available at KPL. Please come and join us for an interesting discussion. All are welcome!



- ***Tuesday April 26th*** - 'Florabama Ladies Auxiliary and Sewing Circle' by Lois Battle
- ***Monday May 30th*** - 'Wake' by Anna Hope

UCW Unit Meeting: Come and hear about the work of ZONTA, a woman's group empowering women through service and advocacy. Learn about their local and international projects - like 'birthing kits' that were written up in the Record. Please consider bringing bars of Jergens soap to donate to the kits. Join us on ***Monday evening, April 25th at 7:30pm*** in the Parlour. All ladies are welcome.

The Garage Sale - Saturday, April 30th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. House cleaning this spring? Collect those treasures and deliver them to SJR Wed. April 27th to Fri., April 29th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. *NOTE: If you wish to bring your items in earlier in the week please put them on the stage.* Contact Cec Via the Church Office



Book Nook: **20 Rules and Tools for a Great Family** by John St. Augustine. “Nothing will put you back in touch with the wonder of life faster than this book.” On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

A sincere Thank You to all who helped make, bake ,decorate and deliver the Easter cards and cookies to our 38 shut-ins. Many comments of appreciation at being remembered by their church family were received. To Ena, Emma, Sarah, Joan, Daisy, Valerie, Gillian, Ken, Muriel, Charmian, Maureen, and Carol, your offers and willingness to help have been such a blessing.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Gordon & Rosemary A. Marion M.& Fran C.
BookNook	Millie W.
Nursery	Evelyn S.
Counters	Steve W., Eric W., Nancy S.
Ushers	Don & Anne W. Donna S., Freddi M.
LayReader	Don W.



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Lisa's Helping Hands Senior Services: Household duties, meal preparation, running errands, companionship.
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Giant Used Book Sale at First United Fri.- April 22 (9-9) & Sat., April 23 (9-noon). The University Women's Club--KW raises money for scholarships for young women.

The Noteworthy Singers present our Spring Sing 2016 Sunday April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly, 395 King St N, Waterloo. Tickets at the door. Adults \$15. Students \$5. Under 12 No Charge. Special guests Waterloo Region District School Board Special education chamber choir. Phone 519-500-4298

We Need Help! BIRTHRIGHT is unique. We provide non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You can work as an Office volunteer, a Director, a Co-Director or Secretary to the Board. All are welcome to apply. If you are unsure of what we do, call us at: 519-579-3990 (Tuesday to Thursday 11 am - 2 pm or Tuesday 2- 5pm) or email us at: kitchener@birthright.org.

Celebrate Spring with our Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet May 6, 2016 — 6:00 p.m. at Bridgeport United Church, 40 Bridge St. W. Great Grandmothers, Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters welcome. Theme: LIVE LOVE LAUGH... GRANMA'S ATTIC... TREASURE CHEST OF MEMORIES... bring one of your treasures or memories to share. Special entertainment provided by "Dance Moves" - a dance company that holds their classes in our church basement space. During the festivities we will also be holding a Silent Auction. For tickets and / or to make a donation for the auction table please contact the church at 519-745-0931 or email BUC1@bellnet.ca.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ April 20 **VBS "Questions of Faith"** - 7 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 24 **Anniversary Sunday**
- ☐ April 25 **UCW Unit Meeting** - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 26 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 30 **Garage Sale & Scouts Pancake Breakfast** 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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*"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection,
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."*

—Martin Luther