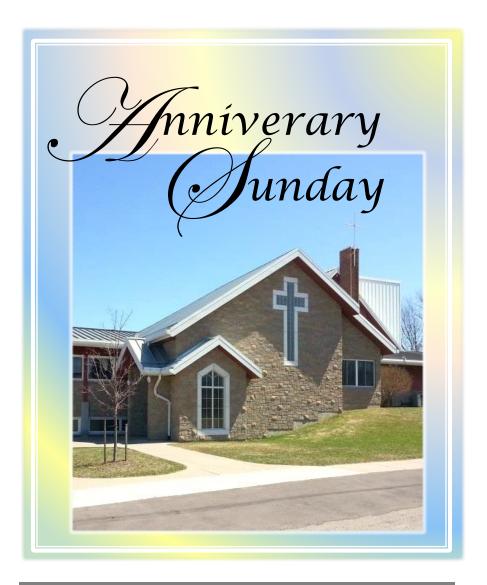
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 24, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Easter Worship Leader: Rev. Rob Selby

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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 Che faro (from Orfeo and Eurydice) (C.W. Gluck)

Dave Davidson, trombone

Choir Introit: Come, Join In Singing (Jacques Arcadelt)

*Opening Hymn God is Here VU 389

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship on this special occasion,

All: the 62nd anniversary of our church; St. James-Rosemount United.

One: Praise be to living, loving and ever faithful God.

All: As we gather, may God keep us mindful of the beautiful things that make us and our church unique.

One: We are thankful for a strong history of music, worship, preaching, pastoral care and fellowship, which have been have been our heritage.

All: Lord God, we praise you that you are not done with us yet.

One: As we gather for worship, gift us again with your grace, for we approach you with humble gratitude.

All: We are your church, O God, and we come joyfully again to worship!

Opening Prayer (responsive)

One: Listen to us, God. Listen in our times of remembering the past, and listen in our moments of looking for your presence in the here and now.

confusion and listen in our times of insight and clarity. Listen as we seek to move forward as a people of faith.

One: Listen to us, God. Listen as we turn to you for a vision of living as a people of faith and listen as we look for new ways to bring alive your mission to the world.

All: Listen to us, God. Listen when our voices grow quiet, and listen when we express frustration and anger, for only you can set us on the pathway that nurtures and comforts those around us.

One: You call us, Creator God, to be the church.
We accept that call, and we want to respond.
We seek to celebrate your presence.

All: We attempt to live with respect in creation.

We desire to love and serve others. As much as possible, we seek justice, and resist evil.

One: Yet there are moments when we forget your ways.
There are times when we find our own needs and desires become paramount.

All: At such times we lose our focus on sharing in your mission, God, and focus on our own desires for comfort. We become immersed in our own pleasures within life.

One: We admit our shortcomings, and in the silence of this moment we seek to rededicate ourselves anew to being a people and individuals who reach out in love to others.

(silence is kept)

One: Now let us listen anew to the words of Jesus that comfort and guide us, saying together:

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

Anthem: Sing a Round of Praise (John Hilton)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 145 VU 866

Readings of the Early Church 2 Corinthians 1:15-19

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

Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: Divine "Yes!"

Hymn O God Of Bethel VU 650

Prayers for the People

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Arioso (J.S. Bach)

* 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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WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

One: The years go by,

All: vet the call of Christ remain

All: yet the call of Christ remains steady and present

for us all.

One: The years go by,

^{*}Dedication of the Offering (unison)

^{*} Commissioning (unison)

world remains a guiding principle for us all.

One: The years go by,

All: yet we keep our very selves open to opportunities yet to be revealed to us, for we seek to be the living presence of Christ to and for the world in all that we do, this day and every day.

* 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 Allegro

(Georg Phillip Telemann)

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Join us after the service in the Rainbow Room for Gather n' Gab... and Cake!

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We extend sincere thanks to our guest minister, Rev. Rob Selby, for leading us in our Anniversary worship service this morning. Rev. Rob ministered with us from 2006-2008. We are thrilled that he and his wife, Judy, were able to come and celebrate with us today!

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

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!!!!!"



Today we celebrate the Renaissance (1450-1600) and Baroque (1600-1750) eras of music through our anthems and trombone solos. This approximately 300 year period was very

important in the development of sacred and secular music. For the first time instruments were permitted for use on a regular basis during church services, leading to a revolution in organ development and building (our organ is constructed and voiced in the style of a Baroque organ). Instruments of all types became popular in court orchestras and eventually evolved into their modern forms. Viols became the string family of violins, cellos etc. One of the earliest brass instruments was the sackbutt, an early form of trombone and choral music became more sophisticated using thick, imitative harmonies. It was during the Baroque era that the chorale (hymn) came into common usage, and for the first time the congregation was allowed to participate in the singing, using their own language. Prior to that, church music was only sung in Latin by priests, choirs or monks.

IN OUR CHURCH:

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

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 O. via the church office.



Book Nook: Every Moment Matters, 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.

<u>UCW Unit Meeting</u>: Come and hear about the work of ZONTA, a woman's group empowering women through service and advocacy.

that were written up in the Record. Please consider bringing bars of Jergens soap to donate to the kits. (3 bars for 99¢ at Walmart) Join us on *Monday evening, April 25th at 7:30pm* in the Parlour. All ladies are welcome.

Syrian Refugee Survey Results: Your Mission and Outreach committee has analyzed the results of our survey on "How would you like to see SJRUC help the Syrian Refugees". An information night has been planned at the church on May 5th, 2016 @7:30pm. Stay tuned for further details. We hope to see you there.

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Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew AV Team

Greeters Terry & Sandra J.

Marion M.& Fran C.

Gather 'n' Gab Nancy & Heather E., George C.

BookNook Steve W. Nursery Evelyn S.

Counters Teresa C., Don & Anne W.

Ushers Ed & Ellen E.

Don & Anne W.

LayReader Anne W.

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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, at 6: 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 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 25 **UCW Unit Meeting** 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 26 **SJR Reads** 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 27 **VBS "Questions of Faith"** 7 p.m. in the Parlou
- ☐ April 26-29 Garage Sale Set-up Sing up TODAY to help!
- ☐ 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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"He that seeks God in everything is sure to find God in everything."
-William Law

