

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



In spite of steady gains against hunger and poverty, today, more than ten percent of the population of the world; about 795 million people are undernourished and go to bed hungry. Come and hear words of resurrection and new life. Come and answer the call to serve God in our world today.

April 3, 2016 - 2nd 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

Lighting of Christ Candle

One: Jesus is the Light of the World.

All: May Jesus' light shine on us, and from us, every day!

Prelude **Variations from Suite No. 5** (G.F. Handel)

*Opening Hymn **Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise** VU 820

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise of praise!

All: We worship our God with gladness!

One: Make a joyful noise of praise!

All: We come to worship our God with a song!

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Come and dwell in us, gracious God of transformation. Be within our hearts and minds that we may be changed day by day. Open us to new ways of being your love, hope, and compassion within this global village. Lead us into new life, that we might continue to offer meaningful hospitality, food and rest to the hungry and weary. We pray in Jesus' name, as we sing...

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Hallowed be Thy name.**

**As in heaven, so on the earth; Hallowed be Thy name;
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**And forgive us God all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name;
As we forgive all our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**And lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name;
But deliver us from all evil. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Amen, amen, it shall be so; Hallowed be Thy name;
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.**

Prayers of God's People.

(Congregation please read aloud the bold print)

We recognise that the food that sustains life is denied to many in this unjust world; **we recognise that a tenth of the world's population go hungry each day.**

We acknowledge that almost a third of the world's population lacks sanitation facilities; **we acknowledge that thousands of children die each day for lack of access to clean water.**

We remember the labourers, women and men, who are denied a living wage; **we remember the farmers and fisher folk impoverished by market forces, which force them to sell their produce for less than the cost of production.**

We recognise that many communities are being dispossessed of their access to their lands, water bodies and their livelihoods; **we recognise that local resources, small farmers and their traditional knowledge and innovations are neglected.**

We acknowledge that increasingly, the earth and the soil are being stripped of richness, depleted of diversity, and being poisoned; **we acknowledge that we have not sufficiently cared for the precious soil, the work of your hands. We have not listened to the people who live closest to it.**

We confess that by our insensitivity and irresponsibility, we destroy life; **we confess that by our selfishness and profiteering, we endanger creation and our common future.**

(Silence)

God who offers to us new life, we seek your forgiveness; **Gracious God, grant us grace to be renewed by your Holy Spirit of Life.**

May the food we eat sustain our lives to serve God and God's creation; **may our choices bind us to the environment and our communities. Amen.**

Prayer-Hymn **Spirit of God, Be Our Breath**

MV 150

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Andante

(Carl Reineke)

* 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 Creation, by your generosity we have
received all that we have and all that we are.
Grant that we may so use the things which you
have entrusted to our care, that we may become
more and more your children in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **May the God of Hope Go with Us** VU 424

* Commissioning

One: May we always be hungry for righteousness;

All: To overcome injustices that brings about hunger!

One: May we always be hungry for peace;

**All: To overcome insecurity, suffering and
displacement**

One: May we always be hungry to share our resources and
blessings;

**All: To ensure that the needy in our communities are
able to live full lives!**

* 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

Prelude in F major

(J.S. Bach)

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

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Thank you to Karla and Matt Oxley who join us today for our anthem. They are both former students of Alison and Dave who met while singing as choral scholars at St. George's Anglican Church in Guelph. They have busy musical lives and have sung with such area choirs as Da Capo, the Guelph Chamber Choir and the University of Guelph Chamber Choir. When not singing they are managers of Mosborough Country Market near Guelph.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

***Neal Memorial United (Port Rowan)
and St Williams United Church***

IN OUR CHURCH:

TODAY: Congregational Meeting: The Joint Search Committee of St. James'-Rosemount United Church hereby calls a congregational meeting to receive their recommendations ***TODAY Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 12:00 noon.*** All members and adherents are welcome to hear and discuss the recommendations but only members in good standing may vote on Pastoral issues.



Reel Theology: Tuesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. Potluck with film & discussion to follow. ***Grace Unplugged,*** features a Christian teen, who against the wishes of her father, runs away from home to make her musical dreams come true. Will her road to success lead her to reject her faith and her family, or discover them? All welcome! Please sign sheet in narthex or register online.

Questions of Faith Contemporary Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish thinkers were asked to respond to a series of questions of faith. These are questions that each one of us struggle with as our faith changes on our journey. The reflections of these contemporary thinkers will cover eighteen very interesting topics. Join us **Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm** in the Parlour beginning **April 6th**. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend.



Canadian Foodgrains Bank: On **Sunday, April 10th**, SJRUC will be celebrating “Spring into Song”, a service designed to bring awareness to the Canadian Food Grains Bank through song. We have a special guest speaker and some short videos. Our confirmation class will be participating in the service. Donations can be made by cash or cheque on April 10th. Thank you for your continued support of your M&O efforts!

The Garage Sale - Saturday, April 30th, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. House cleaning this spring? Collect those treasures and deliver them to SJR Wednesday, April 27th to Friday, April 29th, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Small



appliances and tools that work, dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, pots and pans, used hand tools, kid's toys, books DVDs, CDs, jewelry, good clean used clothing, plants that you have split and are ready to be planted and anything else you no longer need. “*Many hands make light work*” so check the sign-up sheets and let us know when you can help. All funds raised go to the Mission & Service Fund. Any questions can be directed to Cec O. via the church Office



Book Nook: Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson and Sean Qualls. This is a true story. A quote from Emmanuel: “*In this world, we are not perfect. We can only do our best.*” On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Don & Fern W. Marion M. & Fran C.
BookNook	Norma M.
Nursery	Margaret S., Sr.
Gather n' Gab	Shirley and Gordon D.
Counters	Hong S., Charmian P., Christine M.I
Ushers	Gordon & Rosemary A. Roy K., Evelyn S.
LayReader	Steve W.



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Lisa's Helping Hands Senior Services: Household duties, meal preparation, running errands, companionship. Lisa McNulty 519-635-5449 E-mail: lisa-helpinghands@outlook.com



Gleaners Fundraising Dinner Friday **April 22**, Doors open 6:00 pm Dinner Served 6:30 pm @ Waterloo Region Police Association, 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge. Enjoy: Updates from around the world and a full dinner and dessert *Tickets:* \$25/person or \$200/table of 8, \$250/table of 10. To Order Your tickets Online: www.OntarioGleaners.org (click on What's Happening) or By Phone: 519-624-8245 (Order your tickets by April 6). As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate to the Gleaners.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ April 3 **TODAY Congregational Meeting** - 12 noon in the Gym.
- ☐ April 5 **Reel Theology** - 5:30 p.m. in Long Sunday School Rm
- ☐ April 6 **VBS "Questions of Faith"** - 7 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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