

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Communion Sunday

May 1, 2016 - 6th 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 the Christ Candle

One: The early Christians saw the sunlight as a symbol of Christ's presence among us.

All: In this season of Easter, we light this candle to remind us of all that Jesus taught and shared, in his time and for all time.

Prelude **Morning Has Broken** *(Larry Shackley)*

*Opening Hymn **Morning Has Broken** VU 409

Call to Worship

One: This is one world and we are one people.

All: There is one God and we are all God's people.

One: There is one life and we are called to live it together.

**All: There is one hope and we share it with one another.
With one voice, one joy, one faith, one love
we worship our God of Grace together.**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

**All: God who fails to see the distinctions of colour,
race, gender, ability; God who loves creation in all
its diversity, speak to us who narrow, define,
pigeon-hole and exclude those who are not like
us. Grace us with a vision of the world and its
people as you see it in all its unique beauty and
wonderful diversity. We pray the prayer that 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

Anthem **I Will Love the Lord**

(Michael Bedford)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Story From Luke: **Acts 11:1-18**

Responsive Reading:

One: Once we believed in "us" versus "them".
Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in clean and unclean.
Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed everyone had to be the same.
Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in status and money.
Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in divide and conquer.
Now we know that all are one in Christ.

**All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!
Christ makes all things new. Amen**

Hymn **Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New** MV 115

Message: **Kick Up Your Heels!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Song of Faith

(Johann Kuhnau)

* 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)*

**When our cup overflows, inspire our generosity
so that we may give joyfully and generously
for the work of the church, within this community
and around this vast blue planet. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Communion Hymn **Spirit, Open My Heart**

MV 79

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 right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer following Communion *(unison)*

**May we who have tasted new life and drunk the
new covenant and stood by an open tomb in awe;
may we, who are blessed, become a blessing for
each other, for ourselves, and for the world.
Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn **Let There Be Light** VU 679 vs 1-3,& 6

* Commissioning (*unison*)

**All: Though we are many, Christ makes us one.
Though we are broken, Christ makes us whole.
Though we stand divided, Christ draws all things
together both in heaven and on earth.**

One: Go in the joy and freedom of Christ to bless and be
blessed through One God – Creator, Redeemer,
and Spirit of Life. 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 **Trumpet Piece**

(John Alcock)

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Join us after the service for Gather n' Gab!

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

***Saugeen: Port Elgin, Southampton, Mount Hope
and Wesley: Chippawa Hill United Churches***



"Morning Has Broken" was first published in 1931 with words by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), an English poet and children's author. She was asked to write a hymn that would give thanks for each day and would fit the Scottish tune "Bunessan". She would later publish the poem under its correct title, "A Morning Song - for the First Day of Spring", in her anthology of children's poetry. The tune "Bunessan" was first found in an 1888 publication as a Christmas carol, "Child in the manger, infant of Mary", translated from the Scottish Gaelic lyrics written by Mary MacDonald. The tune is named after MacDonald's birthplace on the Isle of Mull, Scotland. The song achieved international fame when it was recorded by Cat Stevens in 1971.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Thanks SJR! Thanks to all who donated 'treasurers' for our Garage Sale. Thanks to all who sorted the 'treasurers', to all who priced the 'treasurers' and to all who sold them. And thanks to the 'guys' who carted the extra 'treasurers' away to be recycled. We couldn't have done it without you all. Another successful Garage Sale!



Book Nook: 7 Days of Awesome by Shawn Byous. Illustrated by Colin Jack. Rhyme your way through each day of creation as you ponder God's wisdom, in creating this wonderful world. Ages 4 - 9. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

Syrian Refugee Assistance Information Evengin: 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 pm**. Stay tuned for further details. We hope to see you there.

Reel Thoeology: Tuesday, May 24. "12 Angry Men" - Henry Fonda stars in this gripping 1957 film. It examines a diverse group of 12 male jurors who are uncomfortably brought together to debate the "facts" of an open and shut trial. In this case, a man's life is at stake. In this 1950's trial the pervasive forces of the decade show through. 5:30-Potluck with film and discussion to follow. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Orange Bus Ramble 2 (Backroads of Wellesley Township) **Wed. August 3, 9:30- 3 pm**. Janice Bock is your Backroads Guide. Departs from SJR parking lot. Lunch: Buy Your Own at Schmitdtzville Restaurant in Wellesley or Bring a Bag Lunch and eat at tables by the Wellesley Pond. \$14 per ticket. **Purchase tickets May 8 & May 15 only.** (Only 26 tickets will be sold then we form a Wait List.)

Orange Bus



Ramble

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Joan K. Marion M. & Fran C.
Gather 'n' Gab	Evelyn S., Vikki T.
BookNook	Christine M.
Nursery	Alison R., Christine M.
Counters	Dorothy H., Margaret H., Ileen D.
Ushers	Jim & Vikki T. Carol W., Luella C.
LayReader	Janice B.



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

You are welcome to join us! Come and meet D. Morton, a transgender person living in the K.W. area. D. will share her story of transitioning. **May 1, 2016.** Coffee and dessert starts at 6:30 pm. D. will share her story at 7pm. There will be a free-will offering. Parkminster United Church 275 Erb St Waterloo for more information, e-mail eforde@sentex.ca

Interfaith Community Breakfast, **Wed. May 4 7-8:30 a.m.** Embassy Room at Bingemans in Kitchener. Guest Speakers Joe & Staphanie Mancini, founders of The Working Centre. Tickets \$20 or 4 for \$75. Pick up at Erb & Good Funeral Home or email 2016icbreakfast@gmail.com

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 auction table contact the church at 519-745-0931 or email BUC1@bellnet.ca

Birthing Kits - being packed by K-W Zonta Club on Saturday, **May 7th at First United Church, Waterloo. Beginning at 8:30am** and ending with a potluck lunch at 12:30pm. All are welcome to come and help pack these amazing kits. Call Jan @ 519-741-0061 for more information.

See the Community Bulletin Board for more events!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ May 4 **VBS "Questions of Faith"** - 7 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ May 5 **Syrian Refugee Assistance Evening** 7:30 Sanctuary
- ☐ May 8 & 15 **Orange Bus Ramble Tickets available after service**
- ☐ May 24 **Reel Theology** 5:30 p.m. in Long Sunday School Room

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



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*"Trust the past to God's mercy,
the present to God's love
and the future to God's providence."*

— St. Augustine of Hippo

