

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



May 8, 2016 - 7th Sunday of Easter
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude 2 Baroque Dances

1. Gigue

(Georg Philipp Telemann)

2. Menuet

(Johann Christoph Graupner)

*Opening Hymn **We Praise You, O God** VU 218

Call to Worship

One: Gather now in the love of God.

All: We come seeking God.

One: God's light will show us the way and fill us with happiness.

All: We come seeking God's light.

One: We are Jesus' people of the Way.

All: We come seeking God's Way.

One: The Spirit of God says, "Come."

All: Let everyone who hears gather now.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

All: God of justice and loving kindness, we come to you this day seeking your hopes and dreams and visions in our daily lives. Open us in this time of worship to connect with you in new ways.

Under 55: Today we give you thanks for our families and the families of the world. Grant us grace to live together with respect for one another. Help us to honour each other's uniqueness. We pray for partners and spouses, that they may receive the gifts of love, empathy, joy, and delight with each other.

557. We pray for all who are grieving their loss of family from years passed and from current situations. We pray for children, who are a great gift to all of us, and especially for the multitude of orphans around the globe.

Men/Boys: Bless all homes with healing that they may become sanctuaries of deep peace and love. Also, help us find special joy in our church family at St. James'-Rosemount United.

Women/Girls: Help us to continue growing as family to one another, sharing together in love and hope, so that all may be welcome here. We pray as Jesus taught,

All: 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.

Story Time: "Who's in a Family?"

Children Go to Classes

Hymn **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** (x 2) MV 18

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
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With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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Minute for Mission.

Women of Faith Litany for Mother's Day

- One: We walk in the company of the women who have gone before, Mothers of the faith both named and unnamed, testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of Wisdom and Healing. They are the judges, the prophets, the martyrs, the warriors, poets, lovers and saints who are near to us in our memory and our dreaming.
- Two: We walk in the company of Deborah, who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.
- One: We walk in the company of Esther, who used her position as Queen to ensure the welfare of her people.
- Two: We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced, who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.
- One: We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood, who audaciously sought her healing and release.
- Two: We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene, who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.
- One: We walk in the company of Phoebe, who led an early church in the empire of Rome
- Two: We walk in the company of Perpetua of Carthage, whose witness in the third century led to her martyrdom.
- One: We walk in the company of Saint Christina the Astonishing, who resisted death with persistence and wonder.
- Two: We walk in the company of Julian of Norwich, who wed imagination and theology proclaiming wellness as reality.
- One: We walk in the company of Sojourner Truth, who stood against oppression, righteously declaring her womanhood in 1852.

- Two: We walk in the company of Nellie McClung, born in Chatsworth, Ontario, a member of the Methodist Church and then the United Church, who led our Country in recognizing women to be persons.
- One: We walk in the company of the Argentine Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, who turned their grief to strength, standing together to remember the disappeared children of war with a holy indignation.
- Two: We walk in the company of our Mothers of the faith, who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal.

Stories of the Early Church - **Acts 16:16-34**

Anthem **JLM** *(Bradley Phillips)*

Reflection **Open Hearts, Open Doors**

Hymn **Give to Us Laughter** VU 624

Prayers for the People

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory **Offertorio Pastorale** *(anon. Italian)*

* 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

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*Closing Hymn

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU 556

vs. 1: Choir only

vs. 2-4: All

Commissioning

One: Go out into the world in the power of God's Spirit.
Go out from this community to make a difference for good.
Pursue justice, love, patience, compassion, and humility, for to this you are called.

* 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 **Fugue in C**

(G. F. Handel)

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***Join us after the service for Gather n' Gab and cake to
celebrate Norma's achievement!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Scotland United Church (Erie Presbytery)



The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of
George Amos, husband of Willie Amos, who passed away
April 30 and whose funeral took place Wednesday May 4.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Willie, and the family
and friends of George through this difficult time.



The two Baroque dances by Telemann and Graupner were written specifically for harpsichord in the style of two popular dances of the time, the Gigue and the Minuet. The Gigue originated in the British Isles (jig) and became widespread in aristocratic circles of Europe. Where true jigs were quick and wild solo dances, giges were danced by couples in a formal ballet style. The Minuet or Menuet was an elegant, slow couple dance that dominated aristocratic ballrooms, especially in France and England from about 1650 to around 1750. Dancers, in order of their social position, often performed versions with specially choreographed floor patterns (basically a figure 8 and later the letter Z).

IN OUR CHURCH:

Congratulations to Norma M. on being awarded the Jean Esch Award by the Church Library Association of Ontario. This "Excellence in Service" award has been given to Norma for her outstanding Librarian service to St.



James'~Rosemount United Church. Norma has been out church's librarian for 20 years and is so deserving of this award! ***Be sure to join us today for Gather 'n' Gab after the service when we'll be serving cake in Norma's honour!***



Happy Anniversary! Congratulations to Keith and Peggy S. on their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 7th With much love and best wishes from your family and friends.

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: **Finding God in a Bag of Groceries**, by *Laura Lapins Willis*. The author has written a moving account of a life lived well in the service of others. In this book Laura discovers a world of neighbours she never knew. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

Reel Theology: 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 (TODAY!) & May 15 only.** (Only 26 tickets will be sold then we form a Wait List.)

Orange Bus



Ramble

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

See the Community Bulletin Board for more events!

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim .
Greeters	Bob & Betty M. Marion M.& Fran C.
Gather 'n' Gab	Gordon & Rosemary A.
BookNook	Norma M.
Nursery	Lynda B., Shereen D.
Counters	Teresa C., Les & Bev H.
Ushers	Cec O., Doug R., Bill W., Ed E.
LayReader	Corinne W.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ May 8 & 15 **Orange Bus Ramble Tickets** available after service
- ☐ May 11 **VBS "Questions of Faith"** - 7 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ May 24 **Reel Theology** 5:30 p.m. in Long Sunday School Room
- ☐ Aug. 3 **Orange Bus Ramble 2**

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

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**See what great love the Father has
lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God!**

1 John 3:1