

Summer Worship Together

**St. James'-Rosemount and
Trinity United Churches**



July 10, 2016

New Beginnings

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

We Gather in God's Hope

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

**Please rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol*

Pre-worship Community Singing

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle

Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

For this is the day God is making.

Let us rejoice and sing our praise to the Maker of all things!!

* **Gathering Hymn** When Long before Time vs 1-2, 4-5

VU 248

* Opening Prayer

You have done great things for us, God of great love.

You make a new way through our brokenness

so hope might be restored;

you loosen our grip on fear,

so we might take hold of the One

who cradles us in the palms of grace.

You are doing great things through us, Brother of the poor.

You make a way through our doubt,

so we may have the faith to follow,

as well as to serve by your side;

you gather up our tears, turning them into fountains of joy.

You will do great things in us, Anointer of our hearts.

Make a way through our hardened hearts,

melting them into rivers of wonder and hope for all;

Continue to make a new way through us,

God in Community,

Holy in One, as we pray together, singing,

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Story Time

Genesis, Noah and a New Beginning

Listening to God's Word of Hope

Prayer of Brokenness

Holy God,

**we confess that we have desired
the things of the world over You.
We have sought possessions over justice and mercy.
We have turned away from those in need
to climb the ladder of our own success.
We have allowed ourselves to believe
that living a good life for ourselves is our religion.**

**Forgive us for following the false idols of our world.
Turn us back to You and Your ways.
Call us away from the desires of the world
and set our desires upon You.
In the name of Christ, who gave everything up,
emptying himself on the cross, we pray. Amen.**

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon

God is always doing something new. God is always turning our hearts back when we repent. God is always calling our names when we go astray. God is always bringing about reconciliation and hope. Know that you are loved and forgiven. Go and live your new life with God. Amen.

Response In the Bulb There Is a Flower vs.1 VU 703

Reading from the Scriptures

Isaiah 43:18 - 19
Lamentations 3:22 - 23
Ezekiel 36:26

Response In the Bulb There Is a Flower vs. 2 VU 703

Reading from the Scriptures

Mark 1:1 - 2
John 1:1 - 5
2 Corinthians 5:17
Revelation 21:4 - 5

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations
Thanks be to God

Response In the Bulb There Is a Flower vs. 3 VU 703

Prayer for Illumination

Meditation Theme: People of Faith Are Hard Wired for New Beginnings

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Offering

* **Offertory Song** Two Short Pieces *Leon Boehlmann*

* **Offertory Prayer** We Give You But Your Own VU 542

Call to Prayers

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

Prayer for the People

God of all new things, God of spring, summer flowers,
and unexpected snow. God of hope and new life,
Bless us, we pray, this day.

God of all things passing away, God of old and yesterday,
the One who is with us in our despair and fear.

God who sighs and weeps, God who wipes away our tears.

Hear us and all your children when we pray.

**Incline your ear to the words, the silent shouting cries,
the mournful whispers of each.**

Be gentle with our hard hearts. Be gentle. Be gentle O God.

Anoint us with your touch so the softness of your love
breaks into our hardness and opens us anew.

A new thing. A new life. New sight. New way.

Anoint us, Holy One and fill us with you loving touch.

Fill us that in your love we can touch and fill others.

Fill us gently. Fill us. Gentle Love, in your name we pray. Amen.

Living Hope in our City and World

Commissioning and Benediction

God sends us out into our communities,

not to cling to a faded past,

but to share all the new things God is doing.

And now, Jesus calls us to notice those around us,
**to shower them with hope,
to feed them from our deep pantries,
to welcome them as family.**

And in our going out, the Spirit anoints us with grace,
**to make a new way through the injustices around us
so we might walk with our sisters and brothers
into the kingdom springing forth in our midst.**

* **Sending Hymn** I See a New Heaven

VU 713

Please be seated

Postlude

Alla Marcia

Denis Bedard

Join us after the service for Gather 'n' Gab!

Worship Notes

Liturgy written by Thom Shuman and used with permission.
Prayer for the People written by Terri C. Parleski and posted on
RevGalsBlogPals

Leadership in Worship this morning:

Greeters & Ushers:	Cal M. & Mary Edith M.
Sound:	AV Team
Worship Leader:	Rev. Tiina Côté
Music Ministry:	Alison Vicary
Counters:	Jim C., Bev & Les H.
Gather'n Gab:	Phyllis & Bert L., Cal M, Mary Edith M.

Announcements for Everyone



Join us for a day of fun

ORANGE BUS RAMBLE--Thursday, July 28 on the backroads of Wellesley Township this year. Find places you've never seen and learn things you didn't know from your guide, Janice Bock. Socialize with our extended church family. Buy your own lunch from the menu at Schmidtsville Restaurant in Wellesley or bring a bag lunch and watch the swans on the W. pond. Two stops in the am. Leaving SJR parking lot at 9:30 and back ~ 3 pm. Only 26 seats on this bus so all can hear easily. \$14. a seat. Buy your ticket from Janice today.

Skylight Festival **Get on the bus and come with us!** On Sunday, July 31, three local United Churches – Trinity, St. James'-Rosemount and First - are boarding a bus (or 2...or 3) to attend the worship service at the Skylight Festival in Paris, ON. The bus will depart from & return to St. James'-Rosemount (171 Sherwood Ave). Tickets for the bus must be purchased in advance.

Bus Boarding time on July 31: 8:30 to 8:40 am

Bus departs from Kitchener: 8:45 sharp

Bus departs from Paris: immediately after the worship service (approx. 12 noon, possibly earlier)

Cost: \$10 per person – **cash only**. There is no gate charge at the festival for those who are attending only the worship service. The cost of the ticket, assuming a sold-out bus, covers the cost of driver and bus, a tip for the driver, and a donation to Skylight Festival. **Tickets will be on sale:** before & after worship services on July 3, 10, 17, 24 **Tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.** In order to ensure full bus(es), tickets cannot be reserved/held beyond the Sunday immediately following the date of the request. In other words, any tickets you request be put on hold for you between Mon. July 4 and Sat. July 9 must be paid for and picked up on Sun. July 10; tickets requested from Mon. July 11 to Sat. July 16 must be paid for and picked up on Sun., July 17, etc. Unclaimed tickets will not be held beyond the Sunday specified.

Your regular church offering envelope for July 31: please put it on the plate on August 7. Those who are unable to join us at the Skylight worship service are warmly invited to an **alternate worship service on July 31 at First United** beginning at 10:30 am in their chapel. For additional ticket information, please contact Teresa Carse at webmaster@sjruc.ca

Announcements for Trinity

Worship Team Meeting: Wednesday July 13 at 10:00 am in the Reception Room.

Dorothy will be out of the office: Wednesday July 20 – Tuesday August 2.

Social Action Team Meeting: Thursday July 21 at 10:00 am in the Reception Room.

"Picnic on the Green": Every Thursday in July and August between 10 am - 2 pm we are gathering under the tree for conversations and a sharing time with our downtown neighbours. Bring your lunch or share some of ours.



"So Great A Heritage" October 23, 2016 Trinity United Church in downtown Kitchener will be exactly 175 years old! To celebrate all the happy times, all of the accomplishments, and all of the triumphs along this 175 year journey, a commemorative anniversary service is being planned for that day. We invite the members of your congregation to attend this very special service of "word and song".

We hope this is an event that you will not want to miss, so please save the date.

New Ministry Jobs

Pastoral Care Minister

Children's Ministry Educator

Please check out the Trinity website for details at <https://tuckitchener.org>

Announcements for SJR



August: Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept 4

Skills: A big smile and a welcoming hand.

Previous experience not necessary.

Wages and Benefits: Priceless.

How to Apply: Sign sheet in Narthex.

Thank you for joining SJRUC's welcoming team this summer.

Book Nook: Vacation time for our volunteers begins June 26th. They will return in September. Instructions for borrowing books are on the desk. Take your book out for 3 weeks. Return it to the Return basket on the desk. Enjoy your summer reading.



Cellar Library Sale Extended: During July and August books in the Cellar Library will be 50 cents per book. The china pig will take your money. Don't miss this bargain to obtain your summer reading. Proceeds go to purchase children's books and DVDs for our Book Nook. Want to share a "good read" donate your book to the Cellar Library. Your support is appreciated.



PAR: (Pre-Authorized Remittance) How to participate in PAR? Prayerfully decide what you will give each year and divide that amount by 12. Fill out the authorization form, and attach a cheque marked "VOID" **OR** you can use your credit card - handy if you collect points on your card! Making an offering is an important part of our worship time together. We will give you PAR cards to place on the offering plate as a symbol of your gift. Why not participate? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table. SJR's goal is to have 60% of us on PAR - help us reach our goal

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