

Summer Worship Together

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



August 28, 2016

New Beginnings

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
are available: Please ask an usher.**

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

May this light remind us of Jesus' presence,
for he shared an unlimited love
restoring our hopes, dreams and visions.

* **Gathering Hymn** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

* **Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

We are a community of faith
that has been created by the love of God.

**We are the people who have been set free
by the world of forgiveness in Jesus Christ,
and are therefore a people called to reach out
to those on the outside of our lives,
those here and those in other lands,
people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace
of fellowship.**

We have come not to exalt our own goodness,
but to praise the holiness of God.

**We have come not to boast of what we have done,
but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ
by extending the hand of community to all people.**

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**With all our being,
we will praise God and tell of God's goodness
in our acts of kindness and love
toward those forgotten by us and others.**

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Story Time

Response

Jesus Loves Me

VU 365

Listening to God's Word of Hope

Prayer of Brokenness

Still speaking God,
You call us
and we ignore your whisper,
listening to the voices of this world.
You call us
and we choose a different path,
following our own devices.
You call us
to be your voice in this world,
to be your hands in this world,
to be your feet in this world,
to proclaim your peace,
your comfort,
forgiveness,
healing,
love
and grace.

...Silence is kept...

Forgive us,
open our ears,
call us again,
and use us.

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon

Response

In Loving Partnership We Come

VU 603

Reading from the Scriptures

Hebrews 13: 1-3

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Meditation

Let Mutual Love Continue...

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*** 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**

Call to Prayers

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Prayer for the People

Living Hope in our City and World

*** Sending Hymn**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

VU 681

*** Benediction**

It's time to go.

Time to re-engage with our world.

Time to put the faith into deeds .

Time to practice uncalculating love.

Time to meet the Christ who waits for you.

Time to share his boundless hope.

You can do all things through Christ
who strengthens you.

With the blessing of God, in your mind and heart, let
each morning be a joy to you,
each path be a joy to you,
each neighbour be a joy to you.

Now and always.

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)

Please be seated

Postlude

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

Worship Notes

~Cover Image: <https://pixabay.com/en/heart-love-hands-valentine-s-day-462873/>

~Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: adapted from The Uprooted Ones:
Remembering Refugees (Uniting Church in Australia), In Welcoming the
Stranger.

~ Prayer of Brokenness written by John Birch

~ Benediction adapted from a prayer by Bruce Prewer

Leadership in Worship this morning:

Greeters:	Ellen & Ed .
Ushers:	Ena A., Donna S.
Sound:	AV Team
Lay Reader:	Don W.
Worship Leader:	Rev. Chris Fickling
Music Ministry:	James van der Heide
Counters:	Steve W., Eric W., Brian M.
Nursery:	Margaret S.

Announcements for Everyone



Nursery will be open each Sunday during the services this summer. All infants and children age 8 and under are welcome to come. Located in the parlour off the narthex.

Awakening a New Heart: Body-Mind-Spirit Practices, Tuesday August 30 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at the SJR outdoor labyrinth. All are welcome, bring a friend along. We will be indoors if it is raining. If interested contact Rev. Tiina at 519-635-5792.

Trinity Announcements

Board Bits: Transition Update, *submitted by Trinity Board*

We have a view to the future!

On Aug 22 the Trinity Board was warmly welcomed and toured through St. Matthews . We were met with enthusiasm and willingness to imagine how we could co-exist as well as share resources, programming, and partnerships. They are accommodating and flexible about space utilization and wanting to open a dialogue on how best to continue serving the community.

After the tour and following Board meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to work toward a Tenancy Agreement with St Matthews and shared this with them. They are open and excited about partnering with Trinity while we both envision our future in the downtown core.

Further details regarding timing, space, etc. are still to be worked out and will be communicated ASAP.

Thanks so much for your patience while we continue the journey together.

Church Parking Lot: Access to the church parking lot is now from Queen Street at Duke.

Engaging Others: Intercultural Ministry Facilitator Training Retreat
November 28, 7 pm – December 1, 4pm, 2016
Sandy Saulteaux Theological Centre, Beausejour, Manitoba
www.ccforum.ca/EngagingOthers Speak with Rev. Tiina if this interests you.

SJR Announcements

Calling all backpacks: Sunday School children, university students, teachers and administrators, bring your backpacks or brief cases next, Sunday Sept 4th, for a special blessing during story time honouring the new year that is approaching.

SJR Reads: Monday, September 26th at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour to discuss our next book, ***A House in the Sky: A Memoir by Amanda Lindhout and Sarah Corbett*** - the One Book One Community selection for 2016. A book is available in our church library or from the KPL. A book club set has also been requested – Contact Charmian P via the church office if you are interested in a copy from the set. Happy Reading everyone!



Book Nook: Volunteers will return in September. Instructions for borrowing books are on the desk. Take out your books for 3 weeks. Return them to the Return basket on the desk. Enjoy your summer reading!



Cellar Library Sale Extended: Continuing through August, books in the Cellar Library will be 50 cents each. 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.

In Our Community

Rental Units Needed: Cambridge STEP Home pilot project is a new initiative to end chronic and persistent homelessness in the community. The program supports people living on a low income to locate permanent housing in Waterloo Region and offers tenants the supports needed to retain their housing and thrive in the community. Looking for safe, affordable housing owned by reputable and trustworthy landlords. If you can help out or are interested in more information, please contact Dana Christiaen, Housing Liaison Worker at Lutherwood cell# 226-989-2657 or by email dchristiaen@lutherwood.ca

See the Community Bulletin Board for more events

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*There are no regular hours for the SJR church office for the summer.
The office is staffed periodically - voice mail & email will be monitored.*