
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Welcome Back Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

**Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit as you are able.*

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: The light that reveals...the light that uncovers...

All: We welcome the light.

Prelude

Glory Be To God

(Kristina Langlois)

*Gathering Hymn **Praise with Joy the World's Creator** VU 312

Call to Worship

from The Abingdon Worship Annual,

One: When the lost are found,

All: there is joy!

One: When hope overcomes despair,

All: there is joy!

One: When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

All: there is joy!

Opening Prayer

All: God of the lost, the forgotten, and all who long to be remembered, search us out and find us, welcome us back and treasure our presence. Bring us in. Give us a place to belong.

For the welcome of Christ extends to all – saint and sinner, friend and foe, spiritual and religious alike, and so we pray with words meant to gather us together, saying:

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.**

Hymn **Small Things Count**

VU 361

Story Time

Making Promises

One: God invites us to this place, to share our journey of faith, as together we seek wisdom and hope. Today we make promises of faithfulness and trust.

One: We ask Teachers and Leaders:

Will you carefully prepare, guide and teach the children, youth and adults of this congregation? Will you welcome their questions, and together share this journey of faith?

Teachers: I will.

One: We ask Children and Youth:

Children and youth, will you learn, share, and most of all, show us how to be excited about our faith?

Children and Youth: I will.

One: We ask members of the Committees and Council:

Will you regularly and faithfully attend meetings this year and carefully guide the church through its life and work in this community?

Council: I will.

One: We ask the church:

Do all of you, promise to care for those in need, to share your faith with all those who God puts in your path, and to live a life of daring faithfulness in this time and place.

All: We will.

And we continue in prayer...

God, creator of all new beginnings, source of new life, remind each one of us that we are vital pieces of the ministry here at St. James'-Rosemount. Today, we thank you for the fresh start which the fall brings. We thank you for the enthusiasm, commitment and joy of these, your people, gathered together. As we work and serve together, may we keep the mind and presence of Christ before us as a guide and helper. We pray in his name. Amen.

Younger Children (Ages 3-8) are invited to Primary Class with Jan, and Older Youth (Ages 8-20+) are either invited to help with the Primary class or remain in worship.

Anthem **The Lord Never Closes His Eyes** (David Angerman)
Crystal Fallis, Flute

Minute for Mission

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from the Scriptures: **Luke 15:1-10**

Meditation **"I once was lost..."**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** (*J.S. Bach*)

* 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.***Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS*Closing Hymn **You Call Us Out** VU 569

* Commissioning

* 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 **Brother James' Air** (*arr. John Carter*)

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

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MUSIC



Brother James' Air" is a popular hymn arrangement of the 23rd Psalm. The words were translated into English by Francis Rous, an English politician and a prominent Puritan. His third edition of the translation was ordered printed and it was "to be sung in all churches and chapels within the Kingdom" by an act of Parliament in 1646. It continued to be the accepted version of this Psalm until the mid-19th century. The tune for "Brother James' Air" was written by James Leith MacBeth Bain, a healer, mystic and poet and was first published in 1915. Despite his assertion that he knew little about reading or performing music, he is best known today for this beautiful hymn.

We would like to welcome Nicole Ferreira as our first choral scholar. Nikki is a singer, musical theatre performer, and classical guitarist with 10+ years of music experience. She is currently studying voice under James McLean at Laurier, working towards a double major in Performance and Music Education. This past summer, she was a vocal coach for Gros Morne Summer Music's professional performers in Corner Brook, Newfoundland; she also teaches voice, guitar, and ukulele at Russell Music Teaching Studios right here in Kitchener.



Christine and Ian Bird would like to express their immense gratitude for all the love and support received from the St. James' Rosemount congregation in response to the death of Frank Johnson (husband of Christine and father of Ian) earlier this summer. You were so generous with your cards, food, phone calls, flowers, messages, memorial donations, attendance at visitations and funeral, and of course warm thoughts, prayers and hugs. Thank you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Charles Enright, who passed away Mon. Sept. 5th. Funeral was held at Henry Walser Funeral Home Sat., Sept 10.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Sunday School - Welcome Back! The Primary Class (JK to grade 2) starts today - all the younger children are invited to join Jan in the long SS room following Story Time. The rest of the children are welcome to join the Primary Class, pop into the nursery or remain in the service this Sunday. Full Sunday School will begin next Sunday, September 18th.

Wanted: Older youth and/or adults who are interested in being a teacher (or superintendent) this year in our growing Sunday School. **Both are paid positions.** We have a wonderful group of children & young people (aged 8 - 15) who are looking for you! Curriculum provided. Interested? Questions? E-mail: ce@sjruc.ca

Stay for Lunch Next Sunday! Meet in the gym after the service. Freewill offering.

Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning September 21st from 7 pm to 9 pm for six weeks this Fall as we explore "Embracing Spiritual Awakening", a DVD study with Diana Butler Bass and Tim Scorer. We'll explore what Christianity may look like "beyond religion and beyond the church" both culturally and spiritually. Are we in the midst of another of history's great awakenings? Come and share your thoughts. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Book Nook: *The Invisible String* - by Patrice Karst, Illustrated by Geoff Stevenson. This is a story that reminds children and adults that they are never alone. The mother in this story explains "People who love each other are always connected by a very special string made of love." On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

F.U.N. Friday, Sept. 23, 6:00 - 8:30 pm: F.U.N. - Family Unplugged Night! Food, friends, games, and lots of laughter. We hope you will join us at 6 pm for supper, and stay for some good ole' fashioned unplugged fun. Bring your family. Bring your kids & grand kids. Bring your friends or neighbour. Everyone can be part of SJR's F.U.N.! Cost: The fun is free; pay-as-you-can for supper. *More information available soon on the website and in the bulletin.*

SJR Reads We will be meeting in the parlour on **Monday Sept. 26th at 1:30 p.m.** to discuss our first book this fall, '***A House in the Sky: A Memoir***' by **Amanda Lindhout and Sarah Corbett**. This book is available at KPL and in our own Book Nook. We welcome all to come and join in the conversation. Note that we hope to attend the One Book One Community 2016 event on September 27th at 7 p.m. at Central Library to meet the author. More info to follow.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Counters	Dorothy H., Randy & Nancy D.
Ushers	Carol W., Joan K., Jim & Vikki T.
Greeters	Gord & Shirley D.
Lay Reader	Corrine W.
Nursery	Alison R.
Gather'n'Gab	Eveyln S., Vikki T.

And to all others who were part of the service this morning!

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Peace Week Conrad Grebel Univ. Stories of Refugee Support & Resettlement **Wed. Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.** Grebel Great Hall. See bulletin board for more info and poster

Swap, Don't Shop September 24th, 9am – 12pm - Join Bridgeport United Church for their Annual SWAP, DON'T SHOP Event! Free children's clothing event! - You can bring gently used clothes that don't fit and swap for clothes that do! You do not have to bring something to take something. There are toys and books too!!! Donations of clean, gently used children's clothing, books and toys are greatly appreciated in advance of the sale. Please contact the BUC Church at 519 745 0931 or BUC1@bellnet.ca for more information.

FOR YOUR SJR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept 15 **Choir** - 7:30 p.m. in Rainbow Rm
- ☐ Sept 18 **Lunch** - noon - stay for lunch after worship!
- ☐ Sept 23 **FUN Night** - Rainbow Room 6 p.m.
- ☐ Sept 24 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - at the Carse residence 10 a.m.
- ☐ Sept 26 **SJR Reads** 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Sept 26 **UCW Mtg** - Parlour 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ Oct. 18 **Reel Theology** - 5:30 Long Sunday School Room