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St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



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A Celebration of Stories and Song

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

## **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: In the dawn's cool glow, in the bright of the day,  
in the evening's painted sky, in nighttime's starry dark

**All: the Christ-light shines,  
made bright by God's love for all.**

Prelude

\*Opening Hymn It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

\*Call to Worship in Song

All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217, vs 1 & 2

Opening Prayer O God We Call (sing twice) VU 411

*Children are invited to go to the nursery*

Anthem

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Celebrating the Christmas Story

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VU 1, vs 1

\*O Come, All Ye Faithful VU 60, vs 1 & 5

I Am the Light of the World VU 87 (R, vs 1, R)

Celebrating the Easter Story

Forty Days and Forty Nights VU 114, vs 1

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123, vs 1

Were You There VU 144, vs 1

\*Christ the Lord is Risen Today VU 157, vs 1&4

Crown Him with Many Crowns VU 211, vs 1

## Celebrating Life With God

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

VU 315, vs 1

Blessed Assurance

VU 337, vs 1

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

VU 664, vs 1

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Music

### \*Offertory

**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*

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

(from VU 539)

**Holy Maker, whose bounty all creation shows,**

**Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,**

**Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,**

**to you with grateful hearts our gifts we give. Amen**

Lord, listen to your children praying

VU 400

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (sung)

VU 959

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Choral Commissioning    Deep In Our Hearts    MV 154

### \*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 Harold Flammer Music Hal Leonard Corporation CCLI License#299762)*

## POSTLUDE

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

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**Visit St. James'~Rosemount  
United Church's website for  
ongoing and upcoming events!**

**[www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca)**

### ***Welcome to the world, Samuel!***

We give thanks to God as we rejoice with Rev. Chris, Jen, and Nahum in the safe arrival of **Samuel Gordon**, on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:51a.m., weighing 7 lbs, 9 oz., and 21" long



"There Is A Balm In Gilead" is an Afro-American spiritual. The "balm in Gilead" is an Old Testament reference (Jeremiah) but the lyrics of the verses refer to the New Testament concept of salvation. Gilead was the name of the mountain region east of the Jordan River known for having an ointment made from a tree particular to the area. This ointment was believed to have miraculous healing powers. The book of Jeremiah tells the people not to trust these powers for spiritual healing or relief from their oppression. In this spiritual Jesus becomes the "balm in Gilead."



***Flowers were placed in the sanctuary previously this month by  
Ena A. & family in memory of Bob A.***

## IN OUR CHURCH:

**Join us on Wednesday evenings** beginning September 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

**This Friday F.U.N.!** **Sept. 23, 6:00 - 8:30 pm-** Family Unplugged Night! Food, friends, games, and lots of laughter. 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 & neighbours. Everyone can be part of SJR's F.U.N.! The fun is free; pay-as-you-can for supper.

**SJR Reads** We will be meeting in the parlour on **Monday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Central Library to meet the author. More info to follow.

**UCW Meeting:** Our Women's group is having a meeting Monday evening **Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parlour. Judy Frank will share the story and history of the National Service Dogs of Cambridge. She'll bring her dog and loads of information about an extremely active group - ie: they have 400 people from volunteers, to dog sitters, trainers, breeders, to vets, plus plus! Most unpaid!!! You do not have to be a card carrying member - to come to this meeting, in fact, we don't have "cards"... Come one, come all - the invitation, includes men.... We worship, we socialize, we learn & we eat... Does it sound like fun? It is.!

**Book Nook:** Joy Boosters - by Missy Buchanan. 120 Ways to Encourage Older Adults. This book is a powerful and practical guide filled with ideas to encourage older adults on their spiritual walk. These creative suggestions can be used by family, friends, church leaders, and caregivers to encourage communication with older adults. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.

**Kenya Project:** We are beginning our campaign to continue sponsoring High School Students at Nyasanda Community High School in Ugunja in 2017. We start with the TOONIE campaign. Some people like to contribute by saving their loose change. If you are one of these pick up a container (35mm film container) and begin to put your spare TOONIES in it. They are located on the table in the narthex. Once full you will have \$50.00 to contribute. Put your name and envelope number on it and put it on the collection plate by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cookie Walk Volunteers Needed!** Join us Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Rainbow Rm after the service. (Cookie Walk will take place Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

#### Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team
<b>BookNook</b>	Norma M.
<b>Counters</b>	Hon S., Nancy S.j, Christine M.I
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill & Millie W., Doug R.I, George C.
<b>Greeters</b>	Glenn & Donna T.
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Janice B.
<b>Nursery</b>	Christine M., Donna S.
<b>Lunch</b>	Lunch Bunch and friends

#### 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.

**Choir for those living with dementia**, their partners in care, & students from regional high schools. Starting October, **3 pm on Thursdays** you & your partner-in-care are invited to join us as a participatory music-maker in this intergenerational choir! Sing, connect with each other and with the students. This musical circle is for enjoyment & support; no previous music or singing experience required. All music supplied. There will be a time to get to know each other after singing each week. The choir will be hosted in downtown Kitchener, free parking on site. Contact Sasha Judelson at 519 342 4764 or circleofmusicwk@gmail.com - information flyers available on community bulletin board.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept 18 **UCW Exec. Mtg.** - 12:30 - 3 p.m. in the Rose Rm
- ☐ Sept 22 **Choir** - 7:30 p.m. in Rainbow Rm
- ☐ 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



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