
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 8, 2017 – 1st Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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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 and/or Spirit as you are able.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this new light for this new year...
so may this light lead you into tomorrow.

Prelude **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing** *(arr. John Carter)*

* Opening Hymn **Arise, Your Light is Come** VU79

Call to Worship

adapted by a prayer by Gord Dunbar

One: Come and listen:

to the flow of water in your veins,

All: the very stuff of life within us all.

One: Come and drink:

the beauty of rain-washed stained glass,

All: the awesome wonder of God's holy glory drawn in light.

One: Come and feel:

the tears of sorrow and of joy waiting within,

All: the story of God's salvation written on our hearts.

One: Come and see:

the baptismal waters of promise and of covenant,

All: the proclamation of God's power in humble relationship.

One: Come and pray:

**All: We come, O God, to listen for your voice:
the voice of comfort and of challenge,
the voice of strength in weakness,
the voice of blessing and of call,
the voice that is the ground of our being. Amen**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

One: God of tenderness and love,
you call us to the water's edge,
inviting us to consider and reconsider
our journeys of faith.
In that moment of grace,
speak our names again,
that we may be thankful for this path we walk.
Continue to guide all of us along your paths of peace.
When we lose our way, support us,
strengthen us, and carry us back to you.

For we pray in the name of the one who was baptized
in the Jordan, and who sang,

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Hallowed be Thy name.**

**As in heaven, so on the earth; Hallowed be Thy name;
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**And forgive us God all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name;
As we forgive all our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**And lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name;
But deliver us from all evil. Hallowed be Thy name.
For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and glory;**

**Hallowed be Thy name;
Forever and forever and ever. Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Amen, amen, it shall be so; Hallowed be Thy name;
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.**

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Story Time

*Youth and Children are invited to
head out for Sunday School!*
WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem **Wade in the Water**

(arr. Moses Hogan)

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17**

Reflection **Troubled Water**

Hymn **Out of Deep, Unordered Water**

VU 453

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory **2 Short Pieces:**

I - Meditation

(Alan Bullard)

II - Musette

(Léon Böellmann)

*** 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**

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*** Closing Hymn Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU559**

*** Commissioning**

written by Jan Richardson

One: May the path that Christ walks
to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:
may this path run through our life.
May we be the road Christ takes.

* 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

Glory Be to Jesus

(Kristina Langlois)

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***Please join us for Gather n' Gab
after today's service!
All are welcome!***



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Jerseyville United Church, Jerseyville

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Enslaved Africans were prohibited from learning to read or write so they passed along biblical stories and lessons through their music. The refrain of 'Wade In the Water' is based on John 5:2-9 which tells of the

infirm sitting beside a pool waiting for an angel to come down from heaven to stir up the waters. The first to enter the 'troubled' water would be cured or saved. The verses tell of Moses leading the Israelites from Egypt to freedom. Harriet Tubman was known as the 'Moses of her people' leading hundred of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad. The Jordan River was a code for the Ohio River. Slaves who crossed it would enter into free states, free from slavery. During their treacherous journey the escaped slaves were told to walk along water and if the masters' hounds were heard in pursuit, they were to enter the water in order to throw them off their scent.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of Rev. John R. Cousens, a minister at SJRUC from 1977-1987.

John passed away on Monday, December 26, 2016. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Joy; daughters, Ruth (Thomas Kingissepp) and Janice (Douglas) Milne; grandchildren, MacGregor and Reagan; and his brother, Donald.

A private family service will be held.



Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are also with the family & friends of David Longmire, who passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Beloved and devoted husband to Patti. Loving father to Tanya, Tarra (Steven) Stumpf, Robin (Mark Fraser), Ryan, and Tori (Taylor Preiss-Hillier).

Visitation at Memory Gardens Funeral Home 2723 Victoria St. N. (Breslau) Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 2-8 p.m.

A Celebration of David's life will be held at the Memory Gardens Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Details: <http://tinyurl.com/dlfuneral>

IN OUR CHURCH:

Coming Next Week! Sunday, January 15th is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and that means... LUNCH!

Please join us after worship next Sunday for a hearty lunch, shared with friends you know & those you've yet to meet. Cost is pay-as-you-can. Mark your calendars!



The Life And Message Of The Apostle Paul - a six week DVD session will begin **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings continue to shape the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in joining us please sign up on line at sjruc.ca or sign your name on the sheet in the Narthex.

Book Nook: **A Long Walk to Water**, written by Linda Sara Park. This book is based on a true story. The author tells



the story of two young persons. The country is Sudan. The book was purchased for our youth but anyone can borrow it for three weeks. You'll find it on display in the library.

Pick up your 2017 Envelopes now available on the table at the back of the church (sorted alphabetically). If you don't have envelopes and would like your own please let the office know by:



- a note in mailbox # 3
- or email mail@sjruc.ca
- or a phone call to 519-742-1002

If you'd rather not bother with envelopes please sign up for PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance. Details and forms on the table in the narthex or contact the church office.



The Annual Congregational Meeting for St. James'~Rosemount United Church will be held in the gym **February 5th** after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!



AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Book Nook	Norma M
Greeter	Margaret H
Counters	Dorothy H, Nancy S, Ileen D
Ushers	Terry & Sandra J, Joan K, Luella C
Lay Reader	Janice B
Nursery	Alison R, Donna S
Gather N'Gab	Evelyn S, Vikki T

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Art of moving into a Fulfilling Retirement. Rev. Dr. Paul Gilroy is facilitating another Wisdom Circle discussion for people anticipating, newly engaging, or adjusting to retirement. His focus is on how to make a faster and smoother transition to this major new stage of life, for which many boomers are unprepared. Jan. 29 9:30 am– 4 pm at Ignatius Retreat Centre, Guelph. \$125 per person; \$200 per couple; or PWYC. Includes lunch and materials. Registration and more detail at newfutures.ca

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Jan. 11 **VBS - Parlour 7 p.m.**
- ☐ Jan. 15 **Stay for Lunch!**
- ☐ Jan. 30 **UCW Meeting - Parlour 7:30**
- ☐ Feb. 5 **Annual General Meeting - 11:30 a.m.**

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



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