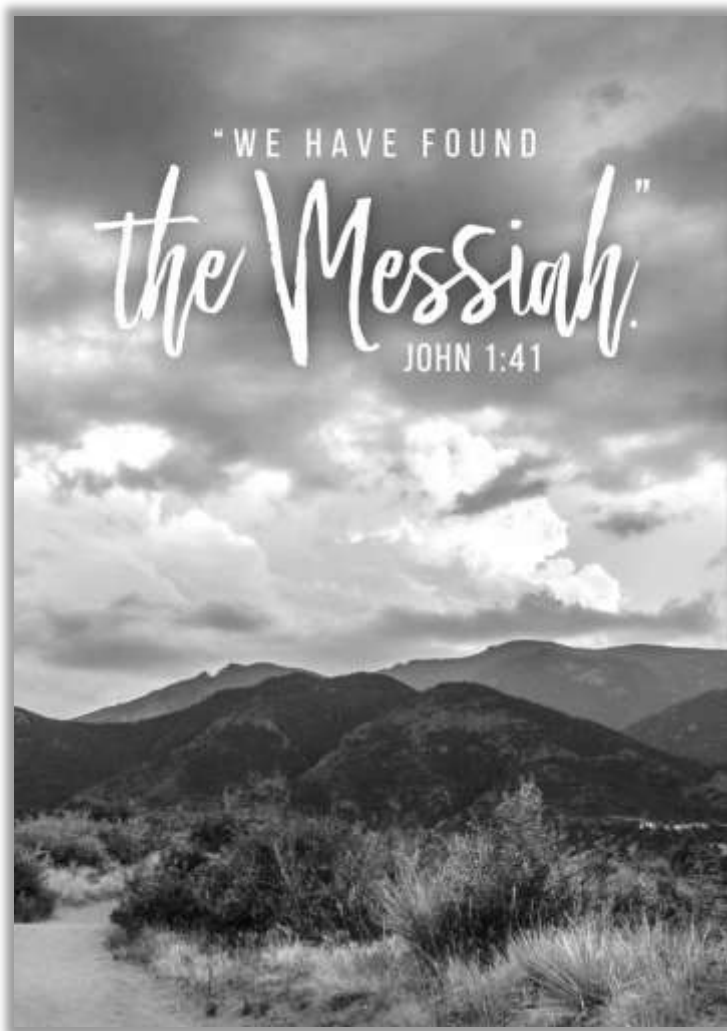

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 15, 2017 – 2nd 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 dreams that this year brings...so may this light reignite your hopes.

Prelude **Invocation No. 5**

(Denis Bédard) 

* Opening Hymn **Open My Eyes, That I May See** VU 371

Call to Worship

One: Invite us again on this journey of faith
calling all people to follow Jesus the Messiah.
From manger to hillside, from hillside to homes,
from homes to an upper room,
this journey is not for the fainthearted.
Led to this time of worship, may we rest from our travels,
hear the invitation of the one who calls,
and gain courage for what lies ahead.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

adapted from a prayer by Susan Durber

All: Open our eyes, Jesus, to the world around us.

One: Show us what we should see
but from which we hide our eyes.
Show us how people live in this world
and the reality of their days.
Give us courage to do what you ask and to
'Come and see'.

**All: Open our eyes, Jesus,
to the shape of your Kingdom.**

One: Show us what life could be like
if only we could see in wisdom.
Show us what we could do
to change things forever with you.
Give us courage to have a vision and to
'Come and see'.

All: Open our eyes, Jesus, to the people all around us.

One: Show us what we should see,
but what we fail to notice.
Show us what people are saying to us
and what they long for.
Give us courage to be where you are and to
'Come and see'.

For we pray in your name, for you sang by the water's
edge and invited us to join in the song,

**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 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

(trad. Indian folk melody, arr. Kevin Boesiger)

Readings from the Scriptures: **John 1:29-42**

Reflection ***Come and see***

Hymn **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

VU 509

Choir sings verses, **ALL** sing refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory **Prelude**

(Samuel Wesley)

*** 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 Will You Come and Follow Me**

VU 567

*** Commissioning**

* Choral Benediction (*"Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988*)

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.

Please be seated

Postlude

Voluntary

(*Andrew Moore*)

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Please join us downstairs for lunch immediately after our worship service this morning. Come and enjoy food & fellowship with friends you know and those you've yet to meet! Free will offering.

Following our lunch, we will share an agape communion.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Jordan Station United Church

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The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed in loving memory of Marion Raddatz, who passed away in 2008. Fondly remembered by Ron Raddatz and family. Ron & Marion were members of Olivet United Church.



In recognition of Canada's 150th birthday we will be including more Canadian content in our services. Even though we regularly include Canadian music we will be featuring more composers, lyricists and arrangers both well known and lesser known. Last week we sang a hymn by Ron Klusmeier who has a number of hymns in both of our hymn books. Our offertory response was written by Grace Baer's son, Allan, and today's prelude is by organist Denis Bedard, a prolific composer of organ music. Born in Quebec City he now resides in Vancouver where he is organist at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Over the year look for the 🍁 icons which indicate a Canadian connection.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of
Bruce Barrie, who passed away January 9th.
Beloved husband of Eileen (Nesbitt) Barrie. The funeral was
held at Memory Gardens Thursday, January 12th.

IN OUR CHURCH:

We're filling the Board! If you'd like to be a part of
this dynamic group of workers at SJR please check
out the bulletin board in the Rainbow Room and the
Narthex for a list of positions that we need to fill.
Contact **the church office** if you are interested in sharing your
time & talents to make SJR the best United Church in Waterloo
Presbytery!



UCW Meeting: The UCW will meet on **January 30th at 7:30** in
the Parlour. Rev Chris will be joining us so we can get to know
him better. What is he interested in? Where has he been? What
does he like to cook? Come and find out!



Book Nook: **Sea Glass Summer**, *written & Illustrated
by Heidi Jardine Stoddart*. This book is a delight to read
whether you are five or eighty-five. Molly loves the sea.
She is good at collecting sea glass. Heidi grew up in
our church. She has donated her latest book to our library so
all may read about Molly's adventures. On display. Borrow for
3 weeks.

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the table in the narthex, on our website www.sjruc.ca, or
contact the church office.

The Annual Congregational Meeting for SJRUC 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	Joan K
Counters	Steve W, Nelson & Lorrie G
Ushers	Valerie H, Ena A, Gord & Rosemary A
Lay Reader	Ron B
Nursery	Margaret Sr., Greg H

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Two Kittens & A Kid (A Gay Man Raising His Inner Diva)

Christopher Wilson's new one-man musical cabaret about becoming a gay foster father to an adolescent black girl plays The Registry Theatre for one night only! In this deeply personal and autobiographical story, a gay, white, suburban man suddenly becomes 'Mr. Mom' to an adolescent, black, urban girl. White-knuckled on a roller coaster of teenage angst, this new parent falls off the precipice into the mystery of black hair, menstruation, boyz, and ultimately mental health and addiction. Often comedic but always honest, this one-man musical cabaret is a poignant and sometimes heartbreaking story of love, cultural understanding, and desperately trying to find your way! **Tuesday, January 24th @ 8:00pm** (50 mins) The Registry Theatre - 122 Frederick Street, Kitchener \$15.00 general, \$10.00 arts worker/student/senior
Tickets: <http://registrytheatre.brownpapertickets.com/>

The Art of moving into a Fulfilling Retirement. Rev. Dr. Paul Gilroy is facilitating a Wisdom Circle discussion for people anticipating, or adjusting to retirement. His focus is a faster & smoother transition to this new stage of life for which many 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

Scrapbooking Day Saturday Feb 4th at Calvary Memorial United Church. 91 Gruhn St. The goal is to raise \$4000 to purchase shoes for marginalized folks served by the Community Ministry Program. Registration \$25 before Jan. 16 (\$30 after). Includes lunch & refreshments. Hourly draws; a prize for the most unusual pair of shoes worn, 50/50 draw, draw for those who donate gently worn walking shoes or a non-perishable food item, a door prize valued over \$100. Contact Marion Schmitt 519-884-2292

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Jan. 18 **Video Bible Study – “The Call”** – Parlour 7 p.m.
- ☐ Jan. 23 **SJR Reads** Parlour 1 p.m.
- ☐ Jan. 30 **UCW Meeting** - Parlour 7:30
- ☐ Feb. 5 **Annual General Meeting** - 11:30 a.m.
- ☐ Feb. 18 **Stay for Lunch!**

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



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