
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 29, 2017 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

**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 and/or Spirit as you are able.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle *from John 1 (The Message)*

One: What came into existence was Life, and the Life was
Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the
darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

Prelude **Gavotte** *(G.F. Handel)*

* Opening Hymn **We Are Pilgrims** VU 595

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Sidney D. Fowler*

One: On the hillside, Jesus touched the broken,
healed the wounded, and taught the curious.
There he spoke, "Blessed are..."
and named the forgotten as receiving the blessing of
God.

**All: God of love, defying expectation, call us together
as you did those so long ago to discover your
blessed people.**

One: Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

**All: Let us lean in close to hear our blessing,
so that we might share this blessing with others.**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer *written by P. Jacob*

One: Blessed are the poor...
not the penniless
but those whose heart is free.

Blessed are those who mourn...
not those who whimper
but those who raise their voices.

Blessed are the meek...
not the soft
but those who are patient and tolerant.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice...
not those who whine
but those who struggle.

Blessed are the merciful...
not those who forget
but those who forgive.

Blessed are the pure in heart...
not those who act like angels
but those whose life is transparent.

Blessed are the peacemakers...
not those who shun conflict
but those who face it squarely.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice...
not because they suffer
but because they love.

For we sing in the name of one who loves,
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 **Blest Are the Pure of Heart** (Richard S. Eaton) 

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 5:1-12**
(translated by Neil Douglas-Klotz)

Reflection **#blessed**

Hymn **Christ Has No Body Now But Yours** MV 171 

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory **3 Short Pieces:** (Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers)
1. Kyrie
2. Prelude du Huitième
3. Verset

* 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 **Go to the World**

VU 420 

* 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

Fugue

(Johann Pachelbel)

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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:
Linden Park United Church, Hamilton, Hamilton Presbytery

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Looking ahead:

During next Sunday's service we will be remembering
the loved ones we've lost in the past year;
as well as celebrating communion together.

After the service we will gather in the gym for our
Annual Membership meeting. Bring your copy of the
annual report and your brown bag lunch!
(Annual reports are available on the table in the narthex -
one per family, please.)



Blest Are the Pure of Heart' was written by Richard S. Eaton (1914-1968). Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Eaton showed an aptitude for music at an early age. He began piano lessons and became a soloist with the boys' choir at Christ Church Cathedral. A new organist at the cathedral recognized his potential and began giving him organ lessons at the age of 15. By 16 Richard was the assistant organist and conductor of the boys' choir. He had dropped out of school after Gr. 8 but decided to complete his high school diploma as an adult in order to study organ and composition at McGill University. After holding very successful teaching positions at Upper Canada College and Ottawa Technical School he joined the faculty at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where he remained for the rest of his career. Throughout his life Eaton was a prolific composer. 'Blest Are the Pure of Heart' was his first published composition and it has been performed widely throughout Canada. It was first performed in 1947 and dedicated to the choir of Montreal's Knox Crescent Presbyterian Church where his future father-in-law was organist.

IN OUR CHURCH:

2016 Annual Reports are now available on the table in the narthex. One per family, please. Remember to bring them along to the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held in the gym February 5th after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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: **The Darkest Dark**, written by Astronaut, Chris Hadfield. Christ loves rockets and pretending he's a brave astronaut. He has a problem... He is afraid of the dark. Suitable for ages 4-8 years. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



Pick up your 2017 Envelopes on the table in the narthex. If you would like envelopes please inform the office. Or sign up for PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance. Details and forms are on the table in the narthex, on our website www.sjruc.ca, or contact the church office.



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Book Nook	Steve W
Greeter	Margaret H
Counters	Jim C, Valerie H, Christine M
Ushers	Cec O, Carol W, Deb S, Donna S
Lay Reader	Anne W
Nursery	Christine M, Krista H
Gather & Gab	Ed & Ellen E



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Christmas Village is back! Open House, ***TODAY Sunday Jan 29 noon until 4:27 p.m.*** Hosted by Dave and Barb Potje, 52 Randerson Ave. Kitchener. Coin donation to the St. James Rosemount Kenya Student Fund at the Open House appreciated.

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 \$30. 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

Bach Vespers before Lent. Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantata 102, "Lord, your eyes look for faith" and the motet "Search me, O God" on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. With soloists Daniel Cabena, Steve Surian and Kirk Lackenbauer.; Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission free, donations gratefully received.

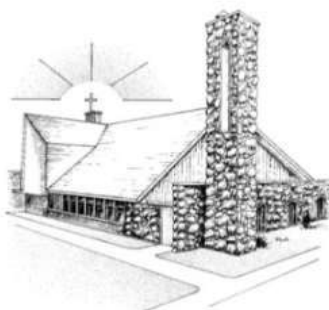
Ladies - come celebrate 55 years of UCW at the Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering: "Journey Where God Leads Us" ***Monday April 3, 2017 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m.*** (8 a.m. continental breakfast) Speaker: Jenn Hind. Guelph Country Club, 133 Woodlawn Road East, Guelph Tickets \$25 (breakfast & lunch) To reserve your place, mail your cheque (payable to Elizabeth Kocker), noting: diet allergies; your phone number; and email to: Elizabeth Kocher 519-578-8248 bettykocher@yahoo.ca 140 Dinison Cr Kitchener ON N2E 2V2 Margot White 519-742-6047 margot.white@sympatico.ca

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Jan. 30 **UCW Meeting** - Parlour 7:30
- ☐ Feb 1 **Video Bible Study** – “The Call” – Parlour 7 p.m.
- ☐ 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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