
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



SALT & LIGHT

February 05, 2017 – 5th 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 Gym 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

Prelude **Prelude on 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'** (*Hal Hopson*)

* Opening Hymn

A Light is Gleaming

VU 82

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann

One: Though the light of a new year has come,
we are still people in the dark,
and the darkness looms large around us,
beset as we are by fear, anxiety, brutality, violence,
loss — a dozen alienations or more that we cannot
fathom.

silence

One: We are — we yearn to be — people of your light.
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence
as we wait for your presence;

silence

One: we pray for the light of your wondrous grace
as we exhaust our coping capacity;

silence

One: we pray for your gift of newness that
will override our weariness;

silence

One: we pray that we may see and taste and know and hear and trust in your goodness in our lives.
May we have the energy, courage, and freedom to share this same goodness through the demands of this day. For we give you this day, with deep joy and high hope, as we pray 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.**

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn **Let us Break Bread Together** VU 480
verse 1 and 2

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

**Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Spirit of the Living God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

*As you are comfortable, you are invited to take
the hand of a neighbour in your pew*

One: Gracious God,
in the hands of another we have placed our lives.
Help us to feel the same heartbeat,
the same connection to life,
the same hungers and joys and hurts.
Have mercy on us,
when we focus on the differences which divide us.
Have mercy on your people,
wounded by hatred,
separated by borders and broken hearts,
human divisions upon divine gifts.
Have mercy on your people,
and remind us that even in brokenness,
we may experience new life.
For on the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with those
present, saying,

All: Whenever you do this, remember me.

One: In the same way, he took the cup, gave thanks, filled
it, and shared it with those present, saying,

All: Whenever you do this, remember me.

One: And so in our brokenness, may we be healed.

Communion Hymn **Let us Break Bread Together** VU 480
verse 3

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.

**Refrain: I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

Sharing the Gifts of Broken Bread and Filled Cup

*Youth and Children are invited to
head out for Sunday School!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem


I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light (Kathleen Thomerson)
Nikki Ferreira, Solo

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 5:13-20**

Reflection: **Salt & Light**


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory **Prelude on Song 13 (Giver of the Perfect Gift)**
(Healey Willan) 

*** 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 Hope and Remembrance

George Amos
Cathy Atchison-Doerr
Carl Brubacher
Patricia Curtis
Ed Ellis
Charles Enright
Margaret Hockney
Frank Johnson
Merla Loughheed
Robert Mann
Ruth Mann

Dorothea McBride
Janice Morganroth-Crane
Graeme Muck
Harvey Murphy
Phyllis Patrick
Sandra Rhoda
Jean Schneider
Edith Springer
Paul Wettlaufer
Eldon Wilhelm
Bruce Wilke

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **O Christian, Love**

VU 594

* Commissioning

*from The Prophet's Prayer
written by Shaikh Muhammad Naasir-ud-Deen Al-Albaani*

One: O God, illuminate our hearts with light,
our eyes with light and our ears with light;
and let there be light on our right and light on our left.
Let there be light above us and light below us;
let there be light in front of us and light behind us.
O God, make us a light.

* 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 **Postlude on "Ein' feste Burg"** (*Johann Pachelbel*)

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***After the service today we will gather in the gym
for Gather n' Gab, immediately followed by
our Annual 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.)*

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Take a moment to stop in the narthex today to peruse the
display of library books designated by the UCW in memory
of the SJR women we are remembering today.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

***McIntosh United Church & St. Paul's United Church
(Mildmay), Bruce United Church Cooperative***

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Healey Willan, who wrote today's offertory, was born in England in 1880 and emigrated to Canada in 1913 to become head of the theory department at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Known for his sense of humour he was once quoted as saying that he was "English by birth, Irish by extraction, Canadian by adoption and Scotch by absorption". More importantly we can claim him as one of our most important and influential composers. He was an organist, teacher and composer of over 800 compositions but is best known for his sacred choral and organ works. In 1953 he was the first ever non-Briton commissioned to write an anthem for a coronation, in this case for Queen Elizabeth II. In 1967 he was named a Companion of the Order of Canada. Willan was also one of the first Canadian musicians to appear on a Canadian postage stamp.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: *Bridges in Spirituality*, as told by Joyce Caron and Alf Dumont. These women elders remind us of the grandmothers, aunts, and many other women who have marked our lives by their wisdom. These are the ones who carry us until birth, and nurture us on the journey of life. Those who encounter the stories of indigenous women elders in this book will be blessed. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks. *Memorial books for 2016 will be displayed on a table in the narthex today.*



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Book Nook	Christine M
Greeter	Margaret H
Counters	Teresa C, Don & Anne W
Ushers	Evelyn S, Freddi M, Bill & Millie W
Lay Reader	Maureen D
Nursery	Alison R, Shereen D
Gather & Gab	Dianne D, Titia T



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Nations Uniting, Coming Together for Reconciliation The Truth and Reconciliation "Call to Action #59". Nations Uniting, together with a group of Residential School Survivors is offering a series of workshops which will include an introduction to

residential schools and their context, a tour of the Residential School (Mohawk Institute in Brantford), hearing first hand stories of residential school survivors, learning about Treaties and Land Claims and finally action planning to move forward together for reconciliation. 5 Day commitment is required \$50 - see poster for more details.

Ladies - Come Celebrate 55 years of UCW at the Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering: "Journey Where God Leads Us" **Monday April 3. 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m.** (8 a.m. continental breakfast) Speaker: Jenn Hind. Guelph Country Club, 133 Woodlawn Rd E., Guelph. Tickets \$25 (breakfast & lunch) To reserve mail 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:



- ☐ Feb. 5 **TODAY Annual General Meeting** - 11:30 a.m.
- ☐ Feb. 8 **Video Bible Study** – "The Call" – Parlour 7 p.m.
- ☐ Feb. 19 **Stay for Lunch!**
- ☐ Feb. 20 **SJR Reads** - Parlour 1:30 p.m.

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

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