
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 5, 2017 – 1st Sunday in Lent
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

Marking our Journey into Darkness (Extinguish Candle)

One: Light of our lives, burn even in the darkest moments.

Response: **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery** VU 121

**All: Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.**

**From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.**

Prelude **My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord**

(Meditation on 'Kingsfold')

(Michael Burkhardt)

* Opening Hymn **As a Fire is Meant for Burning** VU 578

Sung to *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* VU 374

Call to Worship

adapted from a prayer by Roddy Hamilton

One: The dust that shapes the journey,

All: the cross that guides it,

Children: the colour that surrounds it,

Adults: the light that fades through it,

Women: the word that foretells it,

Men: the wilderness that invites it.

One: This is Lent,
the journey into the wilderness of our faith,
All: Where God calls us to lift our voices.
One: Come, brothers and sisters,
let us make our journey with Christ,
for he is heading for Jerusalem

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (*sung* VU 959)

One: God, we come
with hesitant steps
and uncertain motives
to sweep out the corners
where the dust has settled over old ways.
Help us rediscover this journey of faith.
Expose the empty and barren places
where we don't allow you to enter.
Reveal our half-hearted struggles
where we have been indifferent
to the suffering of others,
because of rules, guidelines, beliefs.
Nurture the faint stirrings of new life,
where your spirit has begun to grow.
Let your healing light urge us along the path of life,
that we may follow the light, the Word.
For you alone can bring new life
and make us whole. And we sing,

**All: *Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**


(arr. Michael Larkin)

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Reflection **Why Christian?**

Why anything (when religion is
blamed for this world's problems)?

Hymn **Though Ancient Walls**

VU 691 

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Prelude in C Minor**

(Henryk Pachulski)

* Communion Hymn as the Offering is brought forward:

Now to Your Table Spread

VU 456


Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction

May the Blessing of God Be upon You

VU 429 

Please be seated

Postlude **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

(John Carter)

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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:

**New Credit United Church & Chapel of the Delaware,
Oshweken**

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The flowers in the sanctuary have been donate by
Jessie Millar in memory of her husband, Jim Millar,
whose funeral was this Tuesday, February 28, 2017.





The anthem, "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley", portrays the image of Jesus facing trials in a lonesome place and sets the scene for the trials yet to come during Holy Week. The actual source of this hymn tune is unknown. There is lack of agreement as to whether it is an African American spiritual or an American folk tune and as such, there are several variants of both the text and the melody. The final verse of the hymn talks of us "walking by ourselves". James Cone (*The Spirituals and the Blues: An Interpretation*, 1972) argues that "the journey of salvation is like a lonesome valley with hard trials, and the believer has to travel the valley for himself." The final phrase of our anthem superimposes Christ's journey with our journey.



Time Change Reminder: Spring forward!
Daylight savings time begins March 12th -
set your clocks forward next weekend.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Book Nook	Christine M
Lay Reader	Valerie H
Counters	Tom & Linda S, Donna S
Ushers	Jim & Vikki T, Valerie H
Nursery	Margaret S, Donna S
Gather N Gab	Nancy E, Maureen K



IN OUR CHURCH:

DVD Study "Resurrection" Join us **Wednesday, March 8th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.** in the Parlour for a four week DVD study "Resurrection" with N. T. Wright The most startling claim of Christianity is that Jesus rose from the dead after being brutally executed on a Roman cross two thousand years ago. Could it possibly be true? And if it were, what difference could it make to us today? Sign the sheet on the Narthex if you plan to attend.

Greeters needed! If you are interested and can help out with greeting on Sunday mornings please contact **the church office**, or leave a note in mailbox # 14 stating your name, and phone number. It only takes half an hour of your time every couple of months. You get to meet people, learn their names and be a welcoming face for our congregation.

SJR Reads: We are meeting on **Monday, March 27th at 1:30** p.m. in the church Parlour. We will be discussing 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr. We have a KPL book club bag for this book - contact Charmian if you would like one of the books. You are welcome to join us for a good discussion and fellowship.

Reel Theology: **March 28-Tuesday at 5:15 pm** - Potluck with film and discussion to follow. Forrest Gump - A kind-hearted, gentle hero with a lower IQ makes his way in a world growing ever more complicated. Starring Tom Hanks and Sally Field. (There will be no Reel Theology in April)



Bake Sale! The older Sunday School class will be hosting a bake sale **April 2nd after church**. All proceeds will be going to the Sick Kids Foundation.

Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas will be purchased through the Flower Fund to decorate sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a memorial donation of \$10.00 to the Flower Fund, please sign the sheet in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the Church Office **by April 9th**. Place your donation in an envelope with your name and **mark "Easter Flower Fund"** and leave on the collection plate. A list of the names of the donors will be included in the Easter church bulletin.



Book Nook: **The Legend of the Sand Dollar**, by *Chris Auer*.



"An Inspirational Story of Hope for Easter". This a children's book but adults are welcome to read it. This book shares the timeless hope of resurrection and new life - the promise of Easter. Have you even wondered what is inside the Sand Dollar? Our librarian broke one. The contents are in a small dish beside this book in our library. Satisfy your curiosity - look in the dish! On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



Board Members: Remember to check your mailboxes regularly. A list of names & mailbox numbers is located on right side of the mailboxes, over the suggestion box.

Tax Receipts Some Tax Receipts are still in the Narthex. Please ensure you have picked yours up. If, when looking for your own receipt, you happen to see your neighbour's receipt, we would be happy if you could deliver theirs as well.

Dancing with DisABILITY On Tuesday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Rainbow Room a DANCING WITH disability. Four places have been reserved for SJR friends **free of charge**. To learn more about this, check out the leaflet on the Community Bulletin Board today. **Sign up yourself or take a leaflet home with you to give to someone who might be interested.** Pass on the information to anyone who enjoys music and loves to dance despite their physical challenges. <http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Legacy Giving event-planning session Please join us at First United Church, Waterloo, on **Monday, March 20 at 7:00 pm** for a Legacy Giving event-planning session. We will be joined by Dave Jagger, Hamilton Conference Stewardship Officer. All trustees, Board and/or Investment Committee members from your church are most welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Edith Coyle, edithcoyle@gmail.com or 519-744-9066

Ladies - Come Celebrate 55 years of UCW at the Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering: "Journey Where God Leads Us" **Monday April 3rd, 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 ASAP (payable to Elizabeth Kocker), noting: diet allergies; your phone number; and email to: [Elizabeth Kocher 519-578-8248](mailto:Elizabeth.Kocher@sympatico.ca) bettykocher@yahoo.ca 140 Dinison Cr Kitchener ON N2E 2V2 Margot White 519-742-6047 margot.white@sympatico.ca

Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner - Friday April 21st at the Waterloo Region Police Association, 1128 Rife Rd. Cambridge. Doors open 6 pm, dinner @ 6:30 pm. Mission reports from around the world, special music by the Wiebes and a full dinner and dessert. Tickets are required. \$28/person, \$220/table of 8, \$275/table of 10) To order your tickets - Online: <http://ontariogleaners.org/1485> or by phone: 519-624-8245 (Order your tickets by April 6th, seating is limited) As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners as we continue to help feed those in need around the world.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Mar. 8 **DVD Study "Resurrection"** - Parlour 7 p.m.
- Mar. 14 **Unified Board Mtg** - Cttees - 7 p.m. Board 8 p.m.
- Mar. 27 **SJR Reads** - Parlour 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28 **Reel Theology Potluck** Long Sun. Sch. Rm. 5:15
- Apr. 2 **Bake Sale** for Sick Kids Foundation - after Worship
- Apr. 9 **Easter Flowers donation deadline**

Please check the large monitors, the bulletin boards & our website at www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events.

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- **Check www.sjruc.ca**
- or tune into: **CHYM FM 96.7**
- or **570 AM News**

