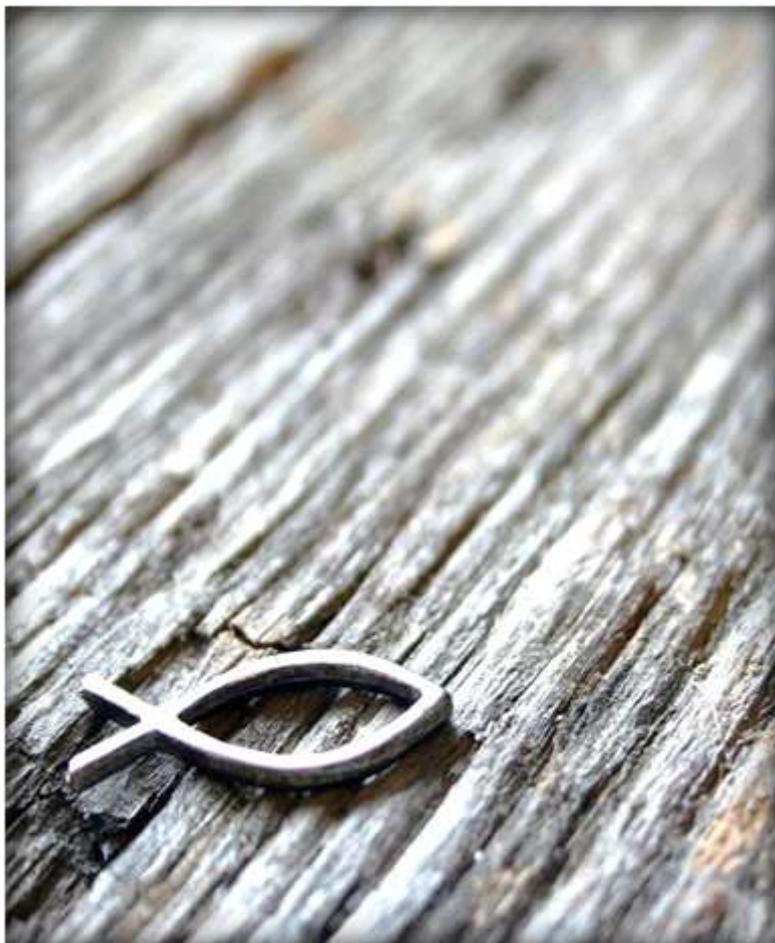

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 12, 2017 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
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

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.**

**In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
you have loved us as your own;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.**

Prelude **Sarabande** (*J.S. Bach*)

* Opening Hymn **God is Here** VU 389

Call to Worship

One: Though we know where this journey leads,
we walk unafraid, for you are here God.
You are the steps we follow in the sand.
You are the brightness of the sun warming us.
You are the gentle urging of new life amidst decay.
You are the patient promise of a new day.

Be with us in this time of worship,
that we may learn to recognize your voice
beyond these walls.

Prayer of Confession

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One: Incarnate God, God beside us,
God within us,
For the times we've hurt you

All: Forgive us

One: For the times we've hurt others

All: Forgive us

One: For the times we've hurt ourselves

All: Forgive us

One: For we are made in your image
and it is very good.

Silence

Words of Assurance and Lord's Prayer (*sung* VU 959)

One: In your declaration of goodness, God of love,
you have set both hope and challenge before us.
You yearn for goodness to prevail
throughout all creation.
Remind us that we are not alone
in this overwhelming work,
for we share our journey with one who sings:

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 **I Choose You** *(Deborah Governor)*

Readings from the Scriptures: **Mark 13:1-8**

Reflection ***Why Christian?***
I'm spiritual, not religious...

Hymn **As the Sun with Longer Journey** VU 111

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering *(Donate online at sjruc.ca)*

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

* Offering Response **Now Thank We All Our God** VU 236

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **How Great Thou Art** VU 238

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction

May the Blessing of God Be upon You VU 429 

Please be seated

Postlude **Prelude in G Minor** *(J. S. Bach)*

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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:
Zion United Church, New Hamburg

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MUSIC
Notes



“Song 13”, the melody used for today’s offertory, was written by the English composer Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). He started his musical career at the age of 13 when he joined the choir of King’s College (Cambridge). He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Cambridge University in 1606 and his Doctor of Music from Oxford University in 1622. A favourite court musician he was appointed organist for the Chapel Royal in 1615 by Prince Charles (later King Charles I), a position he held until his death. He was also appointed organist for Westminster Abbey in 1623. A prolific composer of anthems, madrigals and keyboard works, he wrote Song 13 in 1623. It was published in “Hymnes and Songs of the Church” as song 13, hence its name. Today it is published in 80 hymnals around the world using 30 different texts. Canadian pianist Glenn Gould named Gibbons as his favourite composer saying “ever since my teenage years his music... has moved me more deeply than any other sound experience.”

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

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| AV Crew | AV Team |
| Book Nook | Norma M. |
| Lay Reader | Ron B. |
| Counters | Jim C., Alison & Doug R. |
| Ushers | Luella C., Carol W., Grace A., Nancy E. |
| Nursery | Christine M., Shereen D. |
| Gather N Gab | Daisy B., Karen B. |



IN OUR CHURCH:

Lunch! Sunday, March 19 - next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and you know what that means?! Lunch Sunday! Join us in the gym immediately after worship next Sunday for food, friends and fun. Cost: pay-as-you-can. Smiles - free ☺

UCW Monday, March 27th 7:30 p.m. in the church Parlour. Jim and Vikki T. will tell us about the Treasures of South Africa. It was on their bucket list. Come and enjoy their trip to Cape Town, Victoria Falls, and a safari! All women of the congregation are welcome!



Out of office Monica will be out of the office **Wed. March 15th**

Greeters needed! If you are interested and can help out with greeting on Sunday mornings please contact Margaret H. **via the church Office**, or leave her a note in her 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 **via the church Office** if you would like one of the books. You are welcome to join us for a good discussion and fellowship.



Reel Theology: **Tuesday March 28th 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) Potluck sign-up sheet in the Narthex And on line.



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: **Longing for Home**, edited by Alydia Smith.

The editor bring together diverse United Church voices whose perspectives range from poverty, to ecology, to migration to the occupied Palestinian territories, and to right relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Daily reflections for Lent. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



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 bettykocher@yahoo.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Kocher@yadoo.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. 14 **Unified Board Mtg** - Cttees - 7 p.m. Board 8 p.m.
- Mar. 15 **DVD Study "Resurrection"** - Parlour 7 p.m.
- Mar. 19 **Stay for Lunch after Worship!**
- 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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Monica will be out of the office this Wed., March 15th

To find out about SJR church service cancellations due to weather conditions:

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

