
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



March 19, 2017 – 3rd 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 Gym after worship for lunch 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.**

**Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole,
 flow in us and make us whole.**

Prelude

Prelude (Romanza)

(Reinhold Glière)

* Opening Hymn **God, We Thank You for Our People**

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Sung to tune #333 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**God, we thank you for our people,
roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving,
strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations,
you whom parents' parents praised:**

Here in hope as we remember
may our song to you be raised.

Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure:
lessons learned and secrets told,
Hopes and mem'ries saved as treasure,
passed to young ones by the old,
Pranks and glories, songs and stories,
food by loving hands prepared.
God, we bless you for your presence
in our tears and laughter shared.

Still we must confess before you,
sometimes, Saviour, we have failed;
Though we worship and adore you,
sometimes love has not prevailed.
Tempers racing, evil chasing,
hearts estranged by ice or flame
You transform by ways forgiving,
Grace amazing! Grace, your name!

Call to Worship

written by Rev. Susannah deBenedetto

All: Today, we remember...

One: ...teachers and storytellers
who made God's stories come alive for us and

All: We give thanks!

All: We remember...

One: ...choir members, praise bands, organists,
and all the musicians who sang and played your
praises and

All: We give thanks!

All: We remember...

One: ...preachers and lay leaders
who led our worship through the years and

All: We give thanks!

All: We remember...

One: ...parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins,
sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays
and lived out their faith all week long and

All: We give thanks!

All: We remember...

One: ...our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family and

All: We give thanks!

All: We remember...

One: ...our ancestors in the faith
whose courage enables us to be here today.
For our sisters and brothers in the faith
whose names are remembered only by God

All: We give thanks!

**All: We remember today, that we are an important part
of the story of faith,
called to share our story
as we live out our love.**

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

Prayer of Confession

One: We know deeply the ways love was forgotten,
when it didn't precede our words,
or inform our actions.
In this time, we confess these moments
to you, God of grace.

Silence

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

One: Remind us again of the power of your unfailing love,
God of forgiveness and hope.

Silence

Have mercy on us, lead us to life,
and cause us to 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 **Who Is At My Window, Who?** (Welford Russell) 

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 10:34-39**

Reflection ***Why Christian?***
Hatched, matched and dispatched

Hymn **Blest be the Tie That Binds** VU 602

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **I Am A Poor, Wayfaring Stranger** (arr. Anna Laura Page)

* 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 **Faith of our Fathers** VU 580

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction

May the Blessing of God Be upon You VU 429 

Please be seated

Postlude **'Allegro' from Concerto for Organ in B minor**

(Johann Gottfried Walther)

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***Please join us for Lunch in the Gym
after today's service! All are welcome!***



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Oneida United Church, Clanbrassil, Erie Presbytery

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Welford Russell (1900-1975) was a Canadian composer who is remembered in particular for his choral works. Born in Neepawa, Manitoba, he was a surgeon by profession, and served as a medical missionary in India from 1925-1941. He pursued music in his spare time, studying organ in Ireland and music composition and singing at the Toronto (now Royal) Conservatory of Music. He has a number of published works and 'Who Is At My Window, Who?' is arguably the most performed today. The poem used as the text is from a collection of Reformation poetry entitled 'Gude and Godlie Ballates' published in Edinburgh in 1578. The original poem, secular and portraying a lover speaking from within the house, appears to have influenced the placing of Christ within the house. He is in conversation with the sinner who is outside looking in. Christ invites the sinner to enter, a twist on the usual symbol where Christ is the stranger knocking on the door.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew

AV Team

Book Nook

Steve W.

Lay Reader

Maureen D.

Counters

Dorothy H., Doug & Alison R.

Greeters

Margaret H.

Ushers

Gord & Rosemary A., Ron R., Cec O.

Nursery

Margaret S. Sr.

Choir

Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!



IN OUR CHURCH:

Membership: Anyone wishing to become a member of St. James Rosemount please contact Rev. Chris, or Monica in the church office @ 519-742-1002.

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, & 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.

UCW Monday, March 27th 7:30 p.m. in the church Parlour. Jim & 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!



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 at ce@sjruc.ca 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 is no Reel Theology in April) Potluck sign-up 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 on-line 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.



Book Nook: Two DVDs for our children that have an Easter theme are: ***An Easter Carol*** #116 and ***T'was the Night Before Easter*** #172. These are both VeggieTales. Borrow for 2 weeks.

Two-Wheeled Cart? Does anyone have a 2-wheeled appliance cart they no longer need? Please let Dave Bird know at property@sjruc.ca

Campbell Soup Labels: We no longer collect CAMPBELL Soup labels. Business changes and loyalty models change and so we have to adapt. Thank you all for your support through the years!!! *UCW Caring Bins.*

Dancing with DisABILITY Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Rainbow Room. Four places have been reserved for SJR friends **free of charge**. To learn more see the info on the Community Bulletin Board. Sign up or take a leaflet to give to someone who enjoys music & loves to dance despite physical challenges. <http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

HIV+ Talk You are invited to hear Priscilla Muzira from ACKWA: HIV+ Talk **Sun. March 26, 2017 Coffee and snacks at 6:30 pm Talk starts promptly at 7:00 pm**. Priscilla will help us to learn about the challenges people face, and to clear up our misconceptions. She will be joined by two guest speakers who are living with HIV. Priscilla is the African Caribbean Development Coordinator for the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Area (ACKWA). Parkminster United Church 275 Erb St. E., Waterloo for more information, e-mail eforde@sentex.ca

Ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Queen St. N. Kitchener, phone 519-743-3845 followed by: Palm Sunday, April 9, 7:30 pm at St. Agatha Christian Communities at St. Agatha Catholic Church 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha. Phone 519-747-1212

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 RSVP mail cheque ASAP (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:



- ☐ Mar. 22 **DVD Study "Resurrection"** - Parlour 7 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 monitors, bulletin boards & at www.sjruc.ca for more events.

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