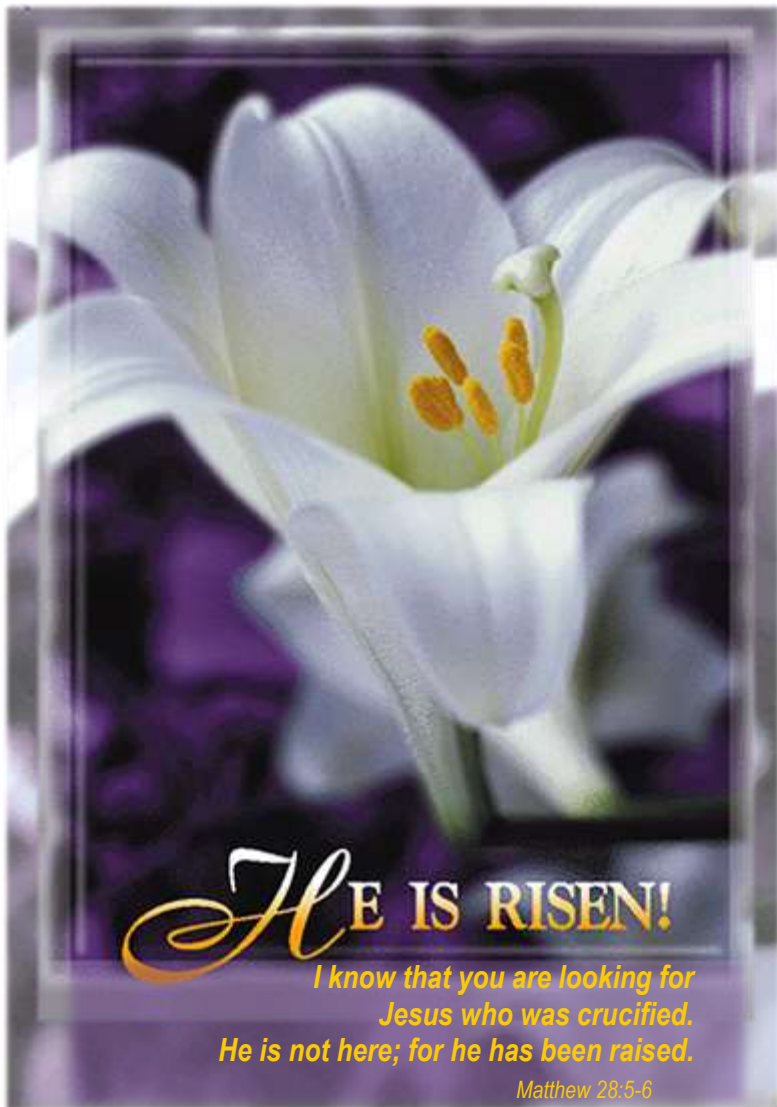

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



April 16, 2017 – Easter Communion Service
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 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

Welcoming the Light

One: Early in the morning on the third day, women carried
light to the tomb, for they had brought spices to care
for Jesus' body. When they arrived, the light greeted
them.

Light the Christ Candle

Prelude **The Strife Is O'er** (arr. Cindy Berry)

* Opening Hymn **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** VU 155

Call to Worship written by Cheryl Lawrie

One: Today we find ourselves in a world
where the inevitable
no longer seems sure,
and we wonder what else is made possible
because of the resurrection:
what walls will be broken
and what darkness will be destroyed;
what death will be shown for what it is:
the possibility for love to come again.

Sharing the Good News - Matthew 28: 1-15

Response

One: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

Anthem **When It Was Yet Dark**

(Stephen Hatfield) 

Story Time

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Passing the Peace of Christ

Coming to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Youth: Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

One: We give thanks because God is always with us.

Giving our Thanks to God

One: We thank you, God, Creator of us all;
from the beginning you made the world
and all its creatures.

You made people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: You created Adam and Eve
and gave them a garden;
you showed Noah a rainbow;
you gave Moses strength to free your people
and taught Miriam to sing;
you gave courage to Esther
and loyalty to Ruth;
you gave David a harp to sing your praise,
and helped him defeat the giant.
We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: Yet, even they turned away from you
and forgot about you, as we do too.
But you did not forget.
You sent Jesus to the world
to show how much you love us
and to bring us back to you again.
We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: He came as one of us, first an infant,
then a child, later a youth, then an adult.
He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,
and wept with those who wept.
To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.
To the sick, he gave healing.
To the hurting, he was a friend.
Still, people turned away from you.
They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.
But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,
that he might be with us and we with him,
alive for evermore!
Therefore with all the saints of every time and place,
we join the angels in their praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

**All: Holy Holy Holy are you,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

Remembering Jesus

Youth: Why do we eat bread at this table?

One: We gather at this table to remember that
on the night before he died,
Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."

Youth: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

One: That same night, Jesus also took a cup,
and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
"Drink. This cup, poured out for you,
is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Youth: What do we remember at this table?

One: We remember Jesus' death
and celebrate his resurrection;
we await with hope his coming again
to bring peace and justice to the earth;
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.**

Youth: Why do we pray at this table?

One: We pray for God's world
and all those we would share this meal with...

Prayers for our Community and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

One: Send, O God,
your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to one another,
and to the world.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

After Communion Prayer

Hymn **For the Bread Which You have Broken** VU 470

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Sharing the Good News **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

(New Revised Standard)

Reflection ***Why Christian?***
Resurrection and new life

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

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

Offertory **Joy In the Morning** *(Natalie Sleeth/Joel Raney)*

*** 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**

Easter Affirmation

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*** Closing Hymn I Danced in the Morning VU 352**

*** Commissioning**

One: Jesus Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

One: So go, and live into this new life.

* 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 **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** (John W. Vandertuin) 

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



Thank you to Chris Clarke for singing with
our choir today as a guest tenor!

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

Thank You from 24th Kitchener Scouting!

Congratulations to everyone involved with our food drive.
We have broken our best ever record: **2636 lb!**



"When It Was Yet Dark" takes us into the thoughts and feelings of Mary Magdalene as she approaches the tomb of Christ on the morning of the first Easter. Composer Stephen Hatfield has paraphrased John's story (John 20:1, 11-18) and treats the Resurrection as a human drama, full of human doubts, fears and pain. He then set these words to a beautiful old hymn tune, Pleading Saviour, from an 1855 collection. Stephen Hatfield lives on Vancouver Island. In addition to his choral works, he enjoys composing for the theatre. While teaching in Ontario he became recognized as a leader in multiculturalism and musical folklore, an interest that shows itself in many of his compositions and arrangements. Hatfield has received awards for his work in education, music and poetry, including the Governor General's Gold Medal.



***In memory of Family and Friends,
flowers have been placed in
the sanctuary by:***

Ena A.
Susan & David B.
Tom & Kathy B.
Jim & Teresa C.
Fran C. & Marion M.
Gordon & Shirley D.
Bill & Dianne D.
Debbie E. & Roy G.
Marian H.
Dorothy H.
Terry & Sandra J.
Richard & Mary J.
Wally & Joan K.
Bonnie K.
Maureen K.
Jessie M.
Bob & Betty M.
Jim & Norma M.
Charmian P. & Hong S.
Ron R.
Edna R.
Doug & Alison R.
Jim & Vikki T.
Titia T.
Elizabeth T.
Bernice U.
Corinne W.
Don & Anne W.
Carol & Christopher W.
Ted Y. & Family



IN OUR CHURCH:

SJR Reads We will be meeting on **April 24th at 1:30 p.m.** in the parlour to discuss 'After You' by Jojo Moyes. The book is available at KPL. There is a book before this 'Me Before You' by same author you may want to read first but not necessary. All are welcome to join us for an interesting discussion and fellowship.



UCW Meeting: Ever wondered about our church library? Like how many categories are there? Which are the most used? How many children's videos are available for borrowing? Did you know there are memorial items in the library? Come to the UCW meeting on **April 24th at 7:30 p.m.** in the parlour to have these and any more questions answered! All ladies welcome!

One Night Only! Join us **Wednesday, April 26th at 7 p.m.** in the Parlour for the DVD: "One Who Was There". Mary Magdalene is traveling from Jerusalem to Galilee in AD 64. Her spiritual strength and faith have eroded and are overshadowed by despair. Mary is transformed by the discoveries of her journey. Her despair is challenged by the faith of a new generation of believers who celebrate the Lord's living presence. Others who question the validity of the faith force her to relive the events she experienced as a younger woman. She is reassured as she joins her life to others. Her past, present and future come together as she relives the powerful moment of Jesus' resurrection. She who was among the first to see the risen Lord finds a surge of new life & a renewal of faith. What began as a journey of despair ends with her return to serve the living God.

Operation "Bring Him Home!" **Sunday, April 30th** Join us immediately after church on Anniversary Sunday for a fundraiser lunch in support of Rev. Chris' trip to Palestine & Israel, June 1-10. As you may have heard, Rev. Chris has been selected to join the United Church Pilgrimage Encounter to deepen an understanding of the complex issues that plague this most Holy Land. The cost of the trip is estimated at about \$2500. There is enough money in Chris's Continuing Education fund (a standard part of a minister's annual compensation package) to get him TO Palestine & Israelbut we want to make sure we can get him home too! So, we came up with "**Operation, Bring Him Home!**" **Cost: Free will offering.** Come show your support for Chris' journey while enjoying food and fellowship with friends! Sign up near the church offices.



The Garage Sale - Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. House cleaning this Spring? We'd love to help! Collect the treasures you don't want and deliver them to SJR from Wed. May 3rd to Fri., May 5th, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We'll take yard tools, small appliances, tools that work, dishes, glassware,



toys, decorations, pots & pans, hand tools, books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, clean used clothing, plants, and anything else you don't need or want. ***"Many hands make light work"*** so check the sign-up sheets in the Rainbow Room and let us know when you can help. All funds will go to the Mission & Service Fund. Questions? Contact Cec O. boardsec@sjruc.ca

SJR Family Walkabout Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. -"Geo Time

Trail for the Layperson" When were the dinosaurs on Planet Earth? What happened to them? How old is the rock below us? What is a kettle lake? A 4.5 km loop hike - with some gentle ups and downs. Start Location: 820 Columbia Forest Circle at the end of Columbia Forest Blvd. Parking: on Black Cherry St. Questions--ask Janice or Evelyn. Sign up on sheet at back table.

Book Nook: Happy Easter! Our volunteers are with their families today.



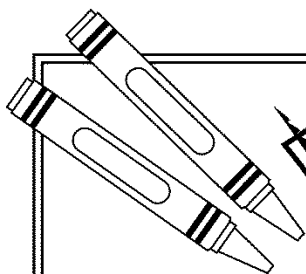
Join the SJR Lawnmower Racing Team!

Cruise with the wind in your hair on the riding lawnmower! Keys to the garage are available for the asking - see Dave B. ***Sign up in the narthex.***

Windows & Walls Please do not post any flyers on windows or walls. Any announcements should be forwarded to the Webmasters for the website and for the large display monitors.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Lay Reader	Janice B.
Counters	Dorothy H., Brian M., Christine M.
Greeter	Maureen K.
Nursery	Margaret S. Sr., Greg H.
Ushers	Evelyn S., Joan K., George C., Doug R.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

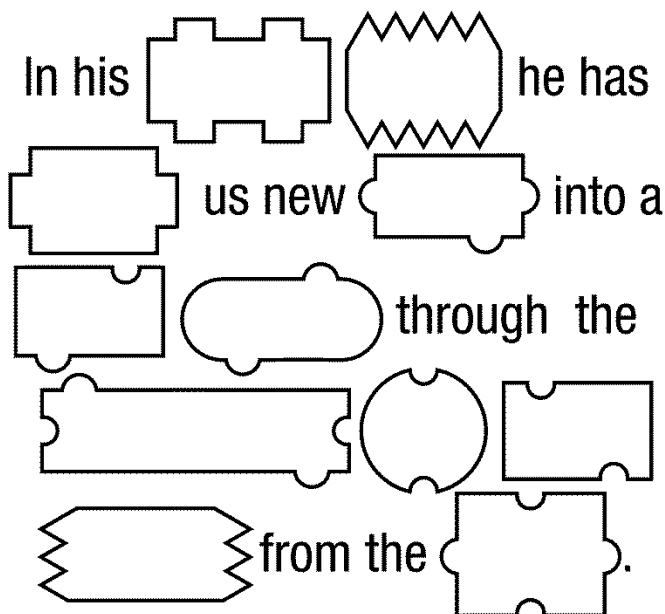
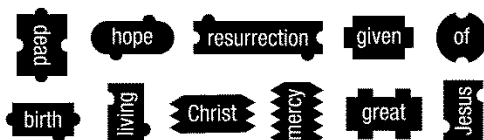


PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Apr. 24 **SJR Reads** 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Apr. 24 **UCW Meeting** 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Apr. 26 **DVD Study** "One Who Was There" 7 p.m. in Parlour
- ☐ Apr. 30 **"Bring Him Home"** Fundraising lunch after worship
- ☐ May 3 **Study:** "Half Truths" - 6 p.m. Parlour
- ☐ May 6 **Pancakes & Garage Sale** - 8 a.m. SJR upstairs
- ☐ May 21 **Stay for Lunch after Worship**
- ☐ May 28 **Mission & Outreach Sunday** with guest speaker
- ☐ May 28 **Family WalkAbout** 2 p.m. (see announcement)

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



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