
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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Earth Day

Sunday, April 23, 2017

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: In the beginning, light was created first – it was to be
a sign of hope for the heavens – for all to see.
Today, may this light enable us to see.

Prelude **This Is My Father's World** (arr. Craig Curry)

*Opening Hymn **It's a Song of Praise to the Maker** MV 30 

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that God has made.
Let us rejoice, and be glad, sharing life with all!

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner

**All: As creatures of the earth, we inhale your grace,
Creator God, rejoicing in life abundant. Today, we
use our breath, our being, to raise this hymn of
praise:**

**Hallelujah to the sun's hot passion
embracing the ground's great shoulders!**

**Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant
greening the earth; its fruit—beauty and food!**


**Hallelujahs for generations of life
tumbling one after another,
life creeping, swimming, flying, running,
below, above, upon, within.**

**All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks
praise to God whose glory grows in all that
breathes!**

**Fill us, enliven us to be ambassadors of life
divine, breathing out your song in harmony,
singing to our Creator, whose Holy Spirit is
unending, ageless, eternal and ever new.
For with the hopes of new life, we pray:**

**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.**

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296 

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem Words of Chief Seattle

(Amy Stephen) 

Readings from the Scriptures: John 20:11-18
(New Revised Standard Version)

Reflection New life for the Earth

Hymn Touch the Earth Lightly

VU 307

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Pastorale

(Charles Wesley)

* 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 the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Deep in Our Hearts**

MV 154



* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction

*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.*

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Please be seated

Postlude **Toccata: Now the Green Blade Rises** (Keith Kolander)

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***Please join us for Gather & Gab in the Rainbow
Room after today's service! All are welcome!***

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The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed by Carol and Christopher Wilson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Scott Wilson (1970-1985) and Jack Wilson (1940-2014)

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Faith Centennial United Church, Selkirk

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"Words of Chief Seattle" is an original composition by Canadian Amy Stephen using a text attributed to Chief Seattle (1786? -1866). A chief of both the Suquamish and Duwanish tribes on the U.S. west coast, he was a respected leader and orator.

Seattle had a desire for two very different cultures (American and native) to co-exist in peace and constantly pursued a path of accommodation between settlers and his people. Very early on, a white settlement was named in his honour and has grown to become the city of Seattle, Washington. Despite misgivings about signing away so much land in a treaty he understood that his people were greatly outnumbered. He had the opportunity to speak at a gathering in the presence of the state's Governor. His actual words have been lost due to translation and rewriting but the sentiment of his speech has become a famous symbol of environmental responsibility and respect of the land rights of his people.

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 & Israel... but 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. at boardsec@sjruc.ca



The Special Gifts Committee is hosting a meeting, immediately following the service on ***Sunday, May 7th***, in the gym. This meeting will provide information on how a special gift helps to further the mission of St. James'-Rosemount. If individuals are interested in learning more about Planned Giving a future seminar will be arranged. Coffee and muffins will be provided.

SJR Family Walkabout *Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. (Note change of date)* "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: *The Red Bicycle* written by Jude Isabella. The extraordinary original story of one ordinary bicycle. There are lots of areas for discussion as the reader learns about the use of an outgrown bicycle given to others in another land. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



Join the SJR Lawnmower Racing Team!

Cruise with the wind in your hair on the riding lawn mower! 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

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Eric W.
Book Nook	Steve W.
Nursery	Christine M., Greg H.
Lay Reader	Don W.
Counters	Valerie H., Don & Anne W.
Greeter	Don & Anne W.
Gather & Gab	Evelyn S., Jessie M.
Ushers	Bill & Millie W., Terry & Sandra J.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

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.
- ☐ May 7 **Special Gifts Committee** - after service in Gym
- ☐ May 21 **Stay for Lunch after Worship**
- ☐ May 28 **Mission & Outreach Sunday** with guest speaker
- ☐ May 28 **Family Walk-About** 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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