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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



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April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday  
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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**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**

Prelude      **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**      *(arr. Michael Burkhardt)*

Palm Processional      **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**      VU 123

Call to Worship      *adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman*

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**All: We will journey through praise,  
with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
though the path is uncertain,  
Jesus is the life we long for,  
he is the Word who sustains us.

**All: We wave palm branches in anticipation,  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of God!**

Marking our Journey into Darkness (*Extinguish Candle*)

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

Response (*Sung*)

**Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**      VU 121  
***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.*

*God of joy and celebration,  
raise our spirits as we call;  
in our trials and tribulations,  
lift and heal us when we fall.  
lift and heal us when we fall.*

Prayer of Confession

One: The streets were crowded.

**All: The excitement of a parade filled the air.**

One: Shouts came from deep in the heart.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from lukewarm faith.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from callous indifference.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from unquenchable greed.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

**All: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: We cry from the depth of our hearts  
and the very pit of our souls.

**All: Hosanna! Save us! Save us from ourselves.  
Save us now.**

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

One: For the one who comes,  
comes to bring life to the living.

We give thanks, singing the song he sang to us:

**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.  
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 **Hosanna! The King Comes Today!** (Emily Lund)

Readings from the Scriptures (New Revised Standard)

**Matthew 20:17-19; 21:1-11**


Reflection

***Why Christian?***

Death and other inconveniences

Hymn

**O World of God**

VU 258 

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

Offertory **Meditation on 'Kingsfold'**

(Michael Burkhardt)

\* 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


As We Pray - Choir: **For the Troubles and the Sufferings**

(Arr. Andrew Donaldson) 

Prayers of the People

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS


\* Closing Hymn **Stay with Us**

VU 182 

\* Commissioning

\* Choral Benediction

**May the Blessing of God Be upon You**

VU 429 

*May the blessing of God be upon you.*

*May God's love light all your way.*

*May the grace of Christ enfold you  
and peace around you stay.*

*May the Spirit of God dwell within you.*

*May you live in joy each day.*

*Please be seated*

Postlude

**Grand Choeur**

(César Franck)

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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:

***Pioneer Memorial United Church, Hamilton***



'For the Troubles and the Sufferings' is a song from Brazil. It is in toada form, a generic Portuguese/Brazilian term for a verse/chorus song. It was introduced at the North American Hymn Society Conference in New Orleans in 2015 by Brazilian composer and arranger Joao Wilson Faustian who invited the conference to take note of the suffering of the people of Brazil and sing it prayerfully. We are performing a 4 part arrangement by Canadian Andrew Donaldson who is a Pastoral musician at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church, Oakville. He was co-editor of The Book of Praise (Presbyterian Church of Canada) and has led workshops on congregational singing across North America, as well as in Korea, Indonesia, Poland, Switzerland and Scotland.

**Thank you!** The Bake Sale on April 2nd was a huge success! We raised a total of \$365.50 for the Sick Kids foundation. Special thank you to all those who donated baked goods and their time to help the bake sale run smoothly.

The older Sunday School appreciates all the support. 😊



## IN OUR CHURCH:



**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 **TODAY**. Place your donation in an envelope with your name and mark **"Easter Flower Fund"** and leave on the collection plate.

**Potluck Seder Supper** *Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 5:45 p.m.* - Join us for a potluck supper beginning at 5:45 pm. The Seder is a festive holiday meal that involves a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Every one of every age is welcome and encouraged to join us. Please sign up for the meal online ([sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)) or on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

**Good Friday**, *April 14 at 10:30 am* - Join us as we hear the story of the crucifixion.

**Easter Sunday**, *April 16* - Join us as we celebrate He Is Risen!

**7:00 am Sunrise Service with Communion** - on the Labyrinth, weather permitting

**7:45 am - 9:30 am - Easter Breakfast** hosted by the Property Committee. Please sign up online ([sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)) or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we know how much food to prepare

**10:30 am Easter Service with Communion**

**11:30 am Lunch** - it's the 3rd Sunday of the month, so of course we're doing lunch!

**SJR Reads** We will be meeting on **April 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the parlour to have these and any more questions answered! All ladies welcome.

**Operation "Bring Him Home!"** *Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>* 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!

**One Night Only!** Join us ***Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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. This lonely survivor is one of the few left who saw Jesus arrested and crucified. Time has left her haunted by memories of death. Her spiritual strength and faith have eroded and are overshadowed by despair. Mary is transformed by the discoveries of her journey. The people she meets dredge up past memories. 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.

**The Garage Sale** - ***Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri., May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We'll take small appliances and tools that work, dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, pots & pans, hand tools, kid's toys, books DVDs, CDs, jewelry, clean used clothing, plants that you have split and are ready to be planted and anything else you don't need or want. "***Many hands make light work***" so check the sign-up sheets outside the upstairs kitchen and let us know when you can help. All funds will go to the Mission & Service Fund. Questions? Contact Cec O., via boardsec@sjruc.ca

**Book Nook:** ***Humphrey's First Palm Sunday*** written by *Glen E. Miller, M.D.* This book has vital information for our older adults. It is a book their children should also read. Then important discussion can take place and all parties will be on the same page as information is shared. 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.

### **Thanks to our Volunteers this week!**

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team	
<b>Book Nook</b>	Norma M.	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Corinne W.	
<b>Counters</b>	Teresa C., Eric W., Donna S.	
<b>Greeters</b>	Terry & Sandra J.	
<b>Gather &amp; Gab</b>	Jessie M., Michelle S.	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed & Ellen E., Ena A., Cec O.	
<b>Nursery</b>	Christine M., Greg H.	
<b>Choir</b>	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!	

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**



- ☐ Apr. 9 **TODAY - Easter Flowers donation deadline**
- ☐ Apr. 13 **Seder Supper** 5:45 p.m. – Gym (downstairs)  
Family-friendly potluck supper followed by a traditional Jewish Seder Meal. Sign-up On-Line
- ☐ Apr. 14 **Good Friday Service** 10:30 a.m
- ☐ Apr. 16 **Sunrise Service** 7 a.m. Labyrinth (weather permitting)
- ☐ **Easter Breakfast** - until 9:30 Rainbow Rm  
Sign-up in On-Line
- ☐ **Worship & Communion** 10:30 a.m. Stay 4 Lunch!
- ☐ May. 6 **Annual Garage Sale** - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. SJR upstairs



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