
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Sunday, May 7, 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 today for refreshments. All are welcome!

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: Believe in the light...that you may become children of the light (*John 12*).

Prelude

Allegretto

(*Cornelius Gurlitt*)

*Opening Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

Call to Worship

adapted from a prayer by Craig Mitchell

One: Easter is not an event that has occurred

but an adventure that has begun

not a place that we have visited

but a path on which we stand.

This is not a story which is complete, but that which is

still unfolding, with characters still breathing

stations still teeming with the promise of new life

not just for you and me

but for all people, in all places.

A cosmic crux,

a turning point of time.

Two: Easter is the season

of wild hope, of dangerous intent, of potent promise

where the future flaps unfurled

in the spirit's breeze.

Easter is the season where hopes bubble

with uncorked effervescence,

where toes tap to free-form rhythms

where rainbow hues splash empty canvas.

One: Today
we continue the journey.
We re-enter the story to explore our questions,
to uncover our doubts, and to face our nagging need.

Two: We walk the path
of two who traveled a dusty road
wrapped in confusion and despair.
We walk with two who shared the company of a
stranger, voicing their pain, airing their fears,
who heard words of hope and promise
and who shared the true bread of life.

One: Today we re-enter the story
with expectation that Christ
will reveal himself to us, in sights and sounds
in words and symbols, in bread and wine.

All: Come, O Jesus, come.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Bruce Sanguin*

One: Living God,
break through the disappointment and
disillusionments that send us home,
sad and silent,
like Emmaus disciples
with cold, stony hearts...


In this time together,
help us to recognize the Risen One in our midst,
that our hearts might stir once more
with possibilities of resurrection
and fresh songs of hope.
So may these be the words which unite us:

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.**

Hymn **Give To Us Laughter**

VU 624 

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures: **Luke 24:13-35** (*The Message*)

Communion Hymn **Here, O My Lord**
Verses 1-3

VU 459

Reflection **Were not our hearts burning?**

Declaring our Faith: A New Creed

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is
creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Anthem **Stay With Us** (Bev Foster and Susan Brown) 

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Communion Hymn **Here, O My Lord** VU 459
Verses 4, 5


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Allegro** (Joseph Paquin) 

* 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 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus** VU 626

* 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 **Fugue in C** (G. F. Handel)

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



Today's anthem, Stay With Us, has several local connections. Bev Foster is a performer, songwriter and music educator from the Toronto area. She is also Executive Director of the Room 217

Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to see music become an integral part of person-centred care, providing music resources, programs and education to health care providers. Susan Brown is music leader, pianist and organist at Duff's Presbyterian Church near Aberfoyle, Ont. She is also a coordinator at Beckett School of Music, part of Wilfrid Laurier University. This anthem was published by Kelman Hall Publishing which was started in 1998 by local musicians Bill Labron, Lynn McRuer and Peter Nikiforuk. Their goal was to publish affordable, good quality choral music written by Canadian composers. It expanded that mandate when composers from outside of Canada submitted compositions to the company.

IN OUR CHURCH:

The Special Gifts Committee is hosting a meeting, immediately following the service **TODAY**, 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.

Half Truths Join us **Wednesday evenings 7pm** in the Parlour as we explore popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Adam Hamilton breaks down these common sayings using Scripture & story with practical applications. Session titles include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Book Nook: **Emancipation Day** written by Wayne Grady This is a 2017 One Book One Community Selection. It is steeped in jazz and big band music of the 1940s and 1950s. Emancipation Day is a story of identity, family and acceptance. Three characters tell their perspective in this novel, Vivian, the wife, Jack, the husband and navy musician and Jack's stoic father. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



Men's Breakfast If any of the males in the congregation are interested in reviving the men's breakfast, please contact Albert A. via the church office or leave your name and number in mailslot # 9.

Free Stewardship Planning Event: *"How to plan a gift to your congregation, or other United Church ministry"* Come & learn! No obligation! Presented by Rev. Dave Jagger, Stewardship & Gifts Officer. **Saturday May 13, 2017, 10:00 am-12:00 pm** - optional light lunch to follow, Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd East, Kitchener, **Cost: FREE!** Please RSVP to: M argot White 519-742-6047 margot.white@sympatico.ca

SJR Reads - We will be meeting **Monday, May 29th at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parlour to discuss 'Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet' by Jamie Ford. We have the KPL Book Club Bag - if interested, let Charmian know (519-893-5316) to ensure you get one of the books. All are welcome to join us. Great discussions! Note - in May each person selects one of the books we will read over the coming year so come with your choice!



A GIANT Thank you to everyone who came out last Sunday for "Operation Bring him home!" We were overwhelmed by the amount of support. Thank you to all of our volunteers - the set up crew Saturday night, all of our dessert bakers that made such a fabulous spread of desserts to choose from, the cleanup crew who magically put away tables and chairs and our kitchen clean-up crew who stayed till the very end with us to clean up... and finally to the congregation as a whole who raised \$2,937 dollars - with donations still being accepted for the next two Sundays. Again to all the volunteers: we cannot thank you enough and we know there are so many of you out there who just stepped up and pitched in on Sunday. Thank you again!

Thanks SJR! Thanks to all who donated 'treasurers' for our Garage Sale. Thanks to all who sorted the 'treasurers', to all who priced the 'treasurers' and to all who sold them. And thanks to the 'guys' who carted the extra 'treasurers' away to be recycled. We couldn't have done it without you! Another successful Garage Sale!

All UCW ladies are invited to Calvary United on **May 9th @ 6:30** p.m. for dessert.

Road Closure: Krug Street will be closed from Becker to East (at the bridge under the expressway) until the end of July.



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Spiritus Ensemble Bach's Mass in B Minor Sunday May 7 at 3 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St. Waterloo. Ticket on line or at the door. \$35/senior \$30/Student \$20/ High School and under 12 \$10 www.spiritusensemble.com

Rockway Entertainers present "Canada, Yours and Mine" Saturday, May 13th at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 18th at 2 p.m. Rockway Centre, 1405 King St. E. Kitchener. Tickets \$5 from the Centre or contact Audrey May 519-585-1651

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Eric W
Book Nook	Christine M.
Nursery	Alison R.I, Adam B.
Lay Reader	Ron B.
Counters	Linda & Tom S., Ileen D.
Greeter	Teresa C.
Ushers	Freddi M., Valerie H., Bob & Carol S.
Gather & Gab	Daisy B., George C.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ May 7 **Special Gifts Committee** - after service in Gym
- ☐ May 10 **Study: "Half Truths"** - 6 p.m. Parlour
- ☐ May 21 **Stay for Lunch after Worship**
- ☐ May 28 **Mission & Outreach Sunday** with guest speaker
- ☐ May 28 **Family Walk-About** 2 p.m.

Visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events.

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