
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Sunday, June 25, 2017

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Ficking

Welcome to worship!
We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare
to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.
We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.
We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

*Please remain seated for all hymns.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **All Creatures of Our God and King** *(arr. John Levitt)*

* Opening Hymn **All Things Bright and Beautiful** VU 291
(adapted)

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

The pets that live among us,
the wild beast in the glen.
The working horse and cattle,
the dog, the pig, the hen. **Refrain**

We share this world of plenty,
with creatures great and small.
On earth, in air and water,
God blessed and loves them all. **Refrain**

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. **Refrain**

Call to Worship *an adaptation of Psalm 148*

One: All dogs and cats, large and small:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All goldfish, terrapins, and swimming creatures:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All robins, gulls, and singing birds:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All bats, squirrels, and foxes:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All horses, cows, and sheep:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer *a prayer by Albert Schweitzer*

**All: Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends the animals,
especially for animals who are suffering;
for animals that are overworked, underfed and
cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures in captivity
that beat their wings against bars;
for any that are lost or deserted or abused or
frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put death.
We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.
For in mercy, we pray, using these words or
words more comfortable to 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.**

Story Time

Hymn **A Place in the Choir** *words and music by Bill Staines*

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything
they've got now (repeat)**

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo.

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls.

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything
they've got now**

Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over ev'rything
And the jaybird disagrees.

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When the little duck quacks, and he's on his way.
And the otter hasn't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything
they've got now**

It's a simple song of livin' sung ev'rywhere,
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove.

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything
they've got now (*repeat*)**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Reading from the Scriptures:

Genesis 1:24-27; 2:18-20 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Reflection *Dominion*

Act of Blessing Animals

One: Bless, O God, this loved creature,
and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being.
For this gift of love,

All: we thank you, God.


Blessing

One: May God, who blesses creation, protect and sustain
us all, as we share life together. Amen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **This Is My Father's World** (arr. John Carter)

* Offering Response Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter 

***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.***

*Dedication of the Offering

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **For the Beauty of the Earth** VU 226

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
**Refrain: God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, **Refrain**

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, **Refrain**

For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **Refrain**

* Commissioning

* 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 remain seated as we conclude our service
with the postlude.*

Postlude **For the Beauty of the Earth** (arr. John Carter)

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***Please stay for brunch after today’s service!
All are welcome!***

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

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IN OUR CHURCH:

Shared Summer Services with Trinity United begin Sunday, July 2 to Sept. 3. Services begin at **10:00 a.m.** See our website sjruc.ca for more info.



Smiles And Warm Welcomes Needed! SJRUC is responsible for supplying ushers for the ***five Sundays in July***. If you are available to help please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Not a regular usher? Here’s a chance to try it out!



Nursery - During the shared services with Trinity in the July & August, SJR will be volunteering in the nursery for July, and Trinity will be providing the nursery care for August.

Book Nook: Hot Apple Cider *Featuring 30 Canadian Authors* Words to stir the heart and warm the soul. This an amazing book of encouragement. Whether you sip Hot Apple Cider slowly one story at a time, or drink deeply and read it all in one sitting, these stories of fun, faith and fellowship by gifted Canadian writers will warm your heart. On Display — Borrow for 3 weeks.



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

Book Nook/Library will be open with volunteers available up to and including Sunday, June 25th and will reopen on Sept. 17th. Instructions are on the desk in the library for borrowing books during the summer. Borrow for 3 weeks.



Book Cellar: During July & August the Book Cellar (in the Rose Room next to the kitchen) has books you can purchase for \$1. The china pig will take your money and the proceeds enable our librarian to purchase books, DVDs, and Games for our children. Thank you for your support!

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Jim C.
Nursery	Christine M.
Book Nook	Millie W.
Lay Reader	Anne W.
Counters	Nelson & Lorrie G., Brian M.
Greeter	Richard & Mary J.
Gather & Gab	Karen B., Daisy B.

SUMMER SERVICES AT SJRUC



Join us this summer here at SJR every Sunday at 10 a.m.!

This July & August we will be sharing summer worship services here with Trinity United Church.

Visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events

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Monica will be out of the office July 4 - 14.

For the duration of the summer the office will be staffed periodically. Voice mail & email will be monitored.