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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Sunday, October 1, 2017

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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***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 & storms.***

***We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.***

***We are glad you are here!***

**Ask an usher for large print bulletins & hearing devices**

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE**

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

*We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

**Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier**  
*(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)*

*(J.S. Bach)*

\*Opening Hymn **Make me a Channel of Your Peace** VU 684

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer from the Iona Community*

One: God of creation

shaper of seas and stars

silence and speaking

**All: God is here with us**

One: God born at Bethlehem

explorer of trusts and traditions

bringer of justice

**All: God is here with us**

One: God among us in joy

healer of pain and of fear

giver of wisdom

**All: God is here with us**

One: God of lavish love felt in this creation,

made real in crumbs of bread and drops of juice

surprise us through the ordinary

**All: God is here with us**

## Opening Prayer

*written by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner*

**One:** Creation inspires us with opportunities for reflection, and so we look to the rain, the sun, and the earth for wisdom.

**Left Side:** Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.

**Right Side:** Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.  
Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

**Left Side:** Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.  
Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.  
So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color.

**Right Side:** Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.  
So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

**Left Side:** And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.

**Right Side:** Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty.  
And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.

*We pray using these words or words more familiar 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.**

Communion Hymn

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

VU 468

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Reading from the Scriptures:

John 15:1-11 (The Message)

Matthew 21:23-32 (New Revised Standard Version)

Anthem

**Prayer of St. Francis**

(Peter A. Togni) 

Reflection

Hymn

**Be Still My Soul**

VU 652

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

Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory

**Seasons**

(C. Fox & E. Newmark)

\* Offering Response

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***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

Prayers of the People

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Closing Hymn      **We Are Marching (x2)**      VU 646

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

Postlude **I Will Sing of My Redeemer** (based on Hyfrydol)  
*(arr. John F. Wilson)*

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



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
*Bloomingdale United Church, Waterloo Presbytery*

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Peter A. Togni is a freelance Canadian composer, jazz pianist, organist, conductor and broadcaster. He has studied in both Canada and France and has worked as an organist in major centres across Canada. He has also performed as a recitalist in both Canada and Europe. Togni's compositions range from sacred choral music to symphonic music and scores for Radio, Film, and TV. Numerous Canadian choirs have performed his music and in March 2001 his Totus Tuus was performed for His Holiness Pope John Paul II in Rome. Togni has been a host with CBC Radio 2 for over 20 years hosting Stereo Morning, Weekender and Choral Concert.

## IN OUR CHURCH:

**The Cookie Walk Committee** is meeting in the Rose Room after the service **TODAY**. Past helpers and anyone who would like to join are welcome! See you there!



**Book Nook:** **The Day the Crayons Came Home** *written by Dray Daywalt*. Boy Duncan's crayons are asking to be rescued. Read this book and discover "WHY" Suitable for ages 5-10 On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

**Faith Study:** From the "Living the Questions" series we begin continue our new study "Painting the Stars" on **Wednesdays 7- 9 p.m. in the Parlour**. This seven session faith study explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading evolutionary theologians & progressive thinkers. Interested? Sign up online or on sheet in the Narthex.

**Calling all youth! Confirmation 2017/2018** SJRUC is excited to join this collaborative venture hosted & facilitated by Emmanuel United Church: Classes once per month **next meeting Oct. 17**, until March 2018. Classes at Emmanuel United Church, Wtloo, possibly also at congregations of participants. Ask an elder/mentor from your home congregation to accompany you through the process & attend gatherings. See poster in the foyer at SJRUC for information to reserve your spot! Email [secretary@emmanueluc.ca](mailto:secretary@emmanueluc.ca)



**Dancing with DisABILITY Classes Tuesday mornings 10.30-11.30 a.m in the Rainbow Room.**

Four places reserved for church members free of charge. See the Community Bulletin Board. Sign up or pass on the information to someone who enjoys music and loves to dance despite physical challenges. [www.bodymindandmovementprogram.com](http://www.bodymindandmovementprogram.com)

**Remit 6:** One Order Of Ministry - Remit 6 - **Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm in the Long Sunday School Room**. An information meeting will be held to discuss this remit. We will vote on this remit at the Unified Board Meeting on Tuesday, Nov.14th. Please see the bulletin board by the kitchen for more information.

**SJR Reads:** **Monday, October 23rd, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** in the parlour. We will be discussing 'A Long Way Home' by Saroo Brierley (also known as 'Lion'). Available at KPL (5 copies including 1 express). Come join this great group for some interesting and fun discussions!

## OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

<b>AV Crew</b>	David B.
<b>Booknook</b>	Steve W.
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Don W.
<b>Counters</b>	Valerie H., Don & Anne W.
<b>Gather &amp; Gab</b>	Dianne D., Titia T.
<b>Ushers</b>	Freddi M., Joan K., Bill & Millie W.
<b>Choir</b>	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

## IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**Community Ministry Concert Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2- 4 p.m.** @ Calvary Memorial United Church, 91 Gruhn St. Kitchener. Soul Sauce, an acapella vocal jazz ensemble Plus, Greg Gibson, a young jazz pianist & the organist at Christ The King UC. Proceeds to the Community Ministry Program which provides dinner weekly to ~70 marginalized people, a special dinner at Thanksgiving & Christmas to 175+ marginalized folks, counselling, food vouchers, clothing, etc.

**An Evening with Rev David Maginley** on Compassion and the Power of Dying Well. David is a spiritual counsellor/chaplain for a Halifax hospital, has survived cancer four times, and offers his wisdom regarding illness & death from "both sides of the hospital bed." **7 p.m. Mon. Oct. 16 @ Trinity United Church 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph.** Tickets \$20, available at Trinity, Hospice Wellington or Therapeutic Touch Practitioners.

**MLI Homestay is seeking Host Families** in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge & Guelph to host international High School students from Japan attending John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph. The students are arriving in two separate groups, one on October 11-18th, 2017 and the other November 1-8th, 2017. Hosting is compensated and an all-round great experience. Becoming a Host Family with MLI Homestay provides an incredible experience for families to explore new cultures, learn about global issues and travel the world without leaving the comforts of their home. Training and support throughout your hosting experience via our network of experienced reliable staff. If interested, please contact Meenu Bhandari on 519-616-6759 or email [kitchener@mlihomestay.com](mailto:kitchener@mlihomestay.com)

**Taizé ecumenical worship** Please join us: **Sunday, Oct. 22, 7:30 pm** at *Conrad Grebel Univ. College Chapel, 140 Westmount Road North, Wtloo*

**"The People's Song Set Free"**: a concert marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Spiritus Ensemble performs works for choir and orchestra based on early hymns of the Reformation by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, & Brahms with soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo & Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull, conductor. **Sunday, October 29, 2017, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Tickets available online at [spiritusensemble.com](http://spiritusensemble.com) and at the door.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Oct 1 Cookie Walk Committee Mtg - 12 noon Rose Room
- ☐ Oct 1 CE Committee Mtg - 12 noon Parlour
- ☐ Oct 4 Faith Study "Painting the Stars" - Parlour 7-9 pm
- ☐ Oct 5 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m
- ☐ Oct 10 Remit 6 Meeting - 7 p.m. Long Sunday School Rm
- ☐ Oct 23 SJR Reads - 1:30 p.m. Parlour

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for more upcoming events***



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