
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, October 8, 2017

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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

Schäfertanz
(Slide by Slide)

(Tylmann Susato)

***Opening Hymn Now Thank We All Our God VU 236**

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst*

One: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

All: let's praise God together!

One: For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:

All: let's praise God together!

One: For embracing us in sorrow,
uniting us for when we become divided,
restoring hope when it is robbed of us,
and enabling us to be grateful
for when we can only see what we lack,

All: let's praise God together!

One: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

All: let's praise God together!

Opening Prayer

One: Yet praise isn't our first response.
Lament, tears, questioning, doubt
often come before thankfulness,
from a world which seems so different than the
kingdom of heaven.

**All: So, open our eyes, and our hearts.
Not only that we learn sad facts about the world.
But open us that we may feel our place in this
world, as your people.
Where there is need, teach us to learn where our
wealth lies, and help us to give.
Where there is injustice, teach us to learn the
causes, and help us to fight.
Where there is brokenness, teach us to learn of our
own brokenness, and help us to bring wholeness.
Where there is despair, teach us of a hope born
out of gratitude, that we may faithfully pray,**

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.**

Hymn

We Praise You, Creator

VU 293



Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Reading from the Scriptures: (New Revised Standard Version)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 12-19

Matthew 21:33-46

Anthem

Praise to God

(Mark G. Sirett)



Reflection

Hymn **As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought** VU518

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Antiphonal

(Anton Bruckner)

(Slide by Slide)

* 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

Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

* Commissioning

*adapted from a prayer by Christian Aid
and Christian Ecology Link*

**All: Thank you, O God, for your generous love,
that enables us to walk gently upon the Earth,
in right relationship,
nurtured by your love,
open to the wind of the Spirit,
using only what we need,
always sensitive to the needs of others,
making choices that bring wellbeing,
living with generosity,
striving for justice,
honouring all with reverence,
reconciling and peacemaking,
mindful of those who will come after,
recognizing our proper place as part of your creation.**

**Grant us the strength and courage, Lord,
for such a radical transformation into your
kingdom, with gratefulness we pray,
Amen.**

* 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 **Fugue in G minor**

(J.S. Bach/arr. R. Sauer)

(Slide by Slide)

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



Thank you to our guest trombone quartet for providing our service music today. Members are: Susan Follows, Jim Edwards, John Monkhouse, and Dave Davidson.

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Thank you to Tom & Linda S. for the lovely Thanksgiving decorations in the sanctuary this morning!

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



"We Praise You, Creator" (VU 293), was written by Edmund Louis Budry, a Swiss hymn writer best known for his lyrics to "Thine Be the Glory". His text was translated into English in 1993 by Andrew Donaldson, an Ontario born composer and church musician. Donaldson co-edited the Book of Praise (Presbyterian Church of Canada) and in 2007 was granted a Doctor of Divinity (honours causa) by Knox College, University of Toronto, for his body of work in congregational song in the Presbyterian Church. In 2011 he moved to Geneva, Switzerland to work as a worship consultant to the World Council of Churches. The tune to this hymn is LYONS, named for the French city. Recent research has revealed that it was written by Joseph Martin Krause rather than J. Michael Haydn, to whom it was originally attributed. Krause was a German who settled in Sweden in 1778. A composer and conductor in the court of Gustavus III, he was sometimes referred to as the "Swedish Mozart."

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: **Little Bible Heroes Storybook** by Victoria Kovacs.

Children love heroes and there is no better place to find them than in the Bible. This collection offers 16 stories of bravery, faithfulness, and kindness - straight from the Bible and perfect for little hero-loving hearts. A good book for parents & grandparents to enjoy with their children. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



Faith Study: From the "Living the Questions" series we continue our new study "Painting the Stars" on **Wed. Oct. 11th, 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



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

Remit 6: One Order Of Ministry - Remit 6 - **Tues, Oct. 10 at 7 pm.** An information meeting will be held to discuss this remit. We will vote on this remit at the Unified Board Mtg Tues., Nov. 14th. 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!

Reel Theology Tuesday, Oct. 24 - 5:30 Potluck and Film with Discussion to follow. "Lady In The Van" Maggie Smith stars as a homeless woman in 1973 London and parks her van in the driveway of a playwright. An unlikely friendship develops. Sign-up on the sheet at the back. All are welcome!



SJR Has a New Boiler/Heater! We recently had to replace our old faithful boiler which served us for many years. Our new boiler/heater is a higher grade boiler and operates at a much higher efficiency. This boiler will serve SJR for many years to come. **Cost: \$45,000.⁰⁰ + Tax**

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	David B.
Lay Reader	Ron B.
Counters	Hong S., Charmian P., Donna S.
Gather & Gab	Daisy B., Karen B.
Ushers	Ron R., Cec O., Don & Anne W.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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 for High School students from Japan attending John F. Ross Collegiate in Guelph. Students are arriving in two separate groups, Oct 11-18th, 2017 and Nov 1-8th, 2017. Hosting is compensated and a great experience. 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 home. Training & support throughout your hosting experience via our network of experienced staff. Contact Meenu Bhandari on 519-616-6759 email kitchener@mlihomestay.com

Joy Day! Waterloo Presbyterial invites all women to "Joy Day" **Sat. Oct. 21st** at Parkminster United, Wtloo 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets \$15 (purchase by Oct. 15). Lunch included. Contact Barbara Seaton for more info 519-623-1359.

Taizé ecumenical worship: 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 N, Kitchener. Tickets online at spiritusensemble.com and at the door.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Oct 11 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 - Location TBA
- ☐ Oct 23 SJR Reads - 1:30 p.m. Parlour
- ☐ Oct 24 Reel Theology - 5:30 p.m. potluck in the Parlour

Visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events!

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