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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



## UNITED IN FAITH

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Sunday, October 15, 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

**Minuet in G minor**

*(G.F. Handel)*

\*Opening Hymn

**Draw the Circle Wide**

MV 145 

Opening Litany

*adapted from a prayer by Bruce Prewer*

One: One: Loving God, we are an odd mob.

We thank you for the widely different types of people,  
and expressions of faith, which constitute the  
membership of your Church in this century.

Those under 50:

**We give thanks for those who appear born to  
express faith through familiar creeds, customs,  
and behaviours.**

Those over 50:

**We give thanks for others who seem destined to  
follow Christ among innumerable questions and  
doubts.**

Those who don't want to admit their age:

**We give thanks for members whose faith appears  
to be a profound, childlike simplicity, unhurried  
and unworried.**

One: We give thanks for those who seem unable to find one satisfying word with which to describe you, yet whose faith is constantly renewed by a wordless awe in the presence of Unnameable Love.

**All: Lover of diversity, God of all souls,  
call us to worship that we may learn of the grace  
needed to treasure each other  
with all our oddness,  
that we may use these differences  
as we minister to the diversity of people  
who share this twenty first century with us.**

One: For we worship our source,  
this Unnameable Love, which came close to us  
in the presence and person of Jesus,  
for he taught us of unity even in our differences,  
and this prayer of hope,  
*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

**I Come with Joy**

VU 477

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)

Galatians 3:21-29

Matthew 22:1-10

Anthem **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** (Bruce Davis)   
(Crystal Fallis, flute)


Reflection

Hymn **Though Ancient Walls** VU 691 

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

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

Offertory **Flute Piece** (George Green)

\* 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

Prayers of the People

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\*Closing Hymn **Lead On, O Cloud of Presence** VU 421

\* 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

**Trumpet Tune**

*(Marc Antoine Charpentier)*

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***Please stay for Lunch in the Gym  
after today's service! All are welcome!***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
*Caistorville United Church, Merritts United Church  
Sinclairville United Church, Erie Presbytery*



VU 421, Lead On, O Cloud of Presence, is set to the tune Lancashire which was composed in 1835 by Henry Thomas Smart for use at a mission festival at Blackburn, Lancashire, England. Smart was a 19th Century English organist and composer. It was originally set to the text "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" but in 1905 was included in the Methodist Hymnal with the words "Lead On, O King Eternal" by Ernest W. Shurtleff. In 1974 it was set to Ruth Duck's text which we are singing today. "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" was written in response to the liberation movement and includes reference to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Duck is a Professor of Worship at a theological seminary in Illinois and her primary research interests include baptism, liturgical healing, liturgy and culture, and feminist study of liturgy.

## **IN OUR CHURCH:**

**Calling all Counters!** Please gather **TODAY at 12:30** in the Long Sunday School Room for a brief meeting to update and refresh countering procedures. Bring any questions or suggestions you have about the process and we'll discuss them.

**Calling all youth! Confirmation 2017/2018** collaborative venture hosted & facilitated by Emmanuel United Church: Classes once per month **meeting Oct. 17**, until March 2018. Classes at Emmanuel United Church, Wtloo. 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)

**Book Nook: Outside Eden** by Peter Short. This book includes essays of encouragement. The author has gathered his essays under three title: Patience, Practice, & Prophecy. 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. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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!



**UCW Monday, October 30th - 7:30 p.m.** in the Parlour. Join us for an entertaining evening as we learn how to "Maintain Your Brain as You Age". This workshop is packed full of fascinating information about how your brain works and how to keep it tuned up and running its best for the rest of your life. Jill Simpson, developer and director of the Body, Mind & Movement Brain Fitness Program will meet us in the Long Sunday School Room at 8 p.m. Get your brain ready to have some fun!

**Rev. Chris' Travelogue Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon.** Join us for a potluck lunch and reflections from Rev. Chris' travels in Israel/Palestine. Sign up for potluck on the sheet in the narthex.



**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)



**Did you know that we spent \$373 on our Hydro Bill in the month of September? Your gifts ensure our lights stay on for Sunday service, but they're also there for the Scouting Program, Preschool, Al Anon, and many more activities that happen within our building. Thank you for your generosity!**

### **OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:**

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team
<b>Booknook</b>	Christine M.
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maureen D.
<b>Counters</b>	Steve W., Les & Bev H.
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug R., Maureen K., Evelyn S., George C.
<b>Choir</b>	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

### **IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

#### **LGBTQ Community and Allies Potluck Sat. Oct. 21, 2017**

Mingling starts at 6 pm Dinner starts promptly at 6:30 pm There will be brainstorming and discussion of fun and useful events for the LGBTQ faith community and their allies, as well as networking and merriment! Parkminster United Church 275 Erb St. E., Waterloo for more information, e-mail eforde@sentex.ca.

#### **Joy Day!** Waterloo Presbyterial invites all women to "Joy Day"

**Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** at Parkminster United, Waterloo 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tickets \$15 (purchase by Oct. 15). Lunch included. Contact Barbara Seaton for more info 519-623-1359.

**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, Kit.

Tickets online at spiritusensemble.com and at the door.

#### **Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale** Mark your calendar! Westminster

United Church's annual fundraiser will take place on **Tuesday,**

**November 7, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Dinner includes spaghetti with

choice of sauce, salad, rolls, beverages, dessert! Adults \$12,

Children 2-12 \$6, Children under 2 are free. Yummy home-baked

goods will be for sale as well. All are welcome - spread the word to friends, family and co-workers, and invite them to attend!

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Oct 15 Counters' Mtg - 12:30 p.m. in Long Sunday Sch. Rm
- ☐ Oct 18 Faith Study "Painting the Stars" - Parlour 7-9 pm
- ☐ Oct 19 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m
- ☐ Oct 23 SJR Reads - 1:30 p.m. Parlour
- ☐ Oct 24 Reel Theology - 5:30 p.m. potluck in the Parlour
- ☐ Oct 30 UCW Mtg - 7:30 p.m. in Long Sunday Sch. Rm.
- ☐ Nov 5 Rev Chris' Travelogue - 12 noon Potluck

***Check the bulletin boards and  
visit [www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca)  
for more upcoming events!***



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