
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

500th Anniversary



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 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

***Opening Hymn God is Here**

VU 389

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman*

One: Be still!

**All: We come to quiet ourselves in the peace of this
moment, knowing the world from where we've
come.**

One: Be still and know . . .

**All: we come to discern the Word
which sets us free.**

One: Be still and know that God is

**All: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our
Redeemer.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Letty Russell*

**All: Gather us together this Reformation Sunday,
O God, and re-form our hearts.**

**Return us to you, to the promises of our love,
to the grace which sustains.**

**Today we celebrate the witness of the generations
that have come before,**

who have blessed us with the confidence we need to continue our own journeys of faith.

Teach us how to listen to your still-speaking Spirit, which calls us to new life.

May the conviction of your grace be written on our hearts, and form our faith.

Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us your in word and sacrament. In Christ's name 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 **Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

VU 444

Celebrating The Sacrament Of Baptism

We are excited to share in the baptism of

Ethan James Denis C.,

son of Tanya and Matthew C.

Congregational Promises

One: Jesus calls us to welcome all people into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child being baptized as he lives and grows in this Christian community?

All: We will, God being our helper.

Words of 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.**

Baptism

Blessing

VU 965

All: **The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen**

Welcome

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Reading from the Scriptures: *(New Revised Standard Version)*
Ephesians 2:4-10, 19-22
Matthew 22:34-46

Anthem

Lord, In Thy Mercy

(Felix Mendelssohn)

Soloist: Nikki Ferreira

Reflection

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

VU 262

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(*Donate online at sjruc.ca*)

Offertory

* 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

VU 288

* 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 **Choral Prelude on 'A Mighty Fortress'**

(D. Buxtehude)

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*We give thanks to **Matthias Schmidt** who is filling in for Alison
this morning. Thank you Matthias for sharing your gifts with us!*

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
St. John's United Church, Chesley, Bruce Presbytery

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'Lord, In Thy Mercy' was written in 1831 by Felix Mendelssohn using a text by Martin Luther. The original German text from 1529 was Luther's translation of a 9th century Latin hymn, Da pacem Domino. At the time of composition Mendelssohn was leading a revival of the music of J. S. Bach. He had earlier conducted the St. Matthew Passion, its first performance (1829) since Bach's death 79 years earlier. This anthem bears the influence of Bach's compositional techniques. The English version of the text is by John Rutter, a well known British choral conductor and composer.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Time Change! Next Sunday Nov 5th - don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour,

Book Nook: *Ping* by Stuart Avery Gold. A frog in search of a new pond, Ping represents everybody who has encountered a setback, needs to take a risk, or is struggling with change. He is all of us! Read & discover Owl's role in this story. On display, borrow for 3 weeks.



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! Read more: Website: <http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>



Rev. Chris' Travelogue *Sunday, November 5th, 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.

Faith Study: *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*

Experience a Heart Connection with God: In this four-session study, best-selling author Max Lucado reveals how connecting with God each day can be as simple as five short sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen." Join us beginning ***Wednesday, Nov. 8th in the Parlour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.*** Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Thanks!

New Sidewalk! Thanks to the City of Kitchener for the new sidewalks on the Kensington side of the church!

Trinity United Church is on the move! But before we leave Trinity on Frederick we are compiling a book of memories of the building. Former members or friends of Trinity are invited to share your special memories of events or spaces at Trinity by email to office@tuckitchener.org. On Nov. 11th from 4-6:30 p.m. you are also invited to our Feast of Memories as we gather for one last meal in this building. Space is limited so reserve yours by email to office@tuckitchener.org by November 6th.

M & O Service: Sunday, November 12th the Mission and Outreach Committee will be hosting a special service at SJRUC to learn more about, and offer support for, the House of Friendship of Kitchener-Waterloo. Reverend Michael Hackbusch, the chaplain for House of Friendship, will be the guest speaker. Special envelopes will be available Nov. 12th in the bulletin or the church pews into which cash or cheques can be placed to support this worthy organization. Our goal is to raise \$1,000. Also, beginning November 5th and continuing until November 19th we will provide space in the church narthex where we hope to collect many 10 lb bags of potatoes, and donations of items of great need such as personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, shaving items), along with diapers, diaper wipes, baby formula, and baby food. *From your M & O Committee*

A Sparks group meets at St James'-Rosemount United Church in the Rainbow Room on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. They extend a warm welcome to girls in SK and Grade 1. Please the church office for details or register online at girlguides.ca



At SJR almost 40% of the offering currently comes in through PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance. We would like to ask for everyone's help to push this number to 60%. Increasing PAR offerings will provide a more constant and consistent income to take care of our Church and our programs.

Please call the church office to get more information about joining our PAR program. Thank you for your support.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	AV Team
Booknook	Norma M.
Layreader	Don W.
Counters	Steve W., Brian M., Don W.
Greeters	Bernice U., Christine M.
Ushers	Bill & Millie W., Grace A., Nancy E.
Gather & Gab	Nancy E., Maureen K.
Choir	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Inshallah Sings Fostering Interfaith Harmony **Nov. 5, 4 p.m.** Waterloo Collegiate Institute, 300 Hazel St., Freewill Offering.

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 25 Faith Study "Painting the Stars" - Parlour 7-9 pm
- ☐ Oct 26 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m
- ☐ Oct 30 UCW Mtg - 7:30 p.m. in Long Sunday Sch. Rm.
- ☐ Nov 5 Rev Chris' Travelogue - 12 noon Potluck
- ☐ Nov 11 Trinity U.C. Feast of Memories
- ☐ Nov 12 Mission & Outreach Service
- ☐ Nov 19 Stay for Lunch after Worship!

Check the bulletin boards and visit www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events!

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If you know of anyone needing a visit, please let Rev. Chris know.

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