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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



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Sunday, September 17, 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

**\*Opening Hymn      When Long before Time**

**VU 248** 

Call to Worship

**One:** We remember the wilderness God created,  
the wild places on Earth,  
the worlds of wonder and mystery,  
the distant dreamings of dark places.

**All:** **We remember the wild worlds  
and hiding places of our childhood,  
where we felt the mystery of caves  
and wild creatures in the mountains.**

**One:** We remember and rejoice.

**All:** **We celebrate the quiet places,  
we mourn for those times when we felt most  
alone, and we give thanks for the wild places that  
stir us with wonder.**

**One:** We give thanks for these gifts of creation,  
which remind us of the presence of God.

## Opening Prayer

**All:** God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the rocks, the deserts and the wild world of the unexplored wildernesses. Help us empathise with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice together with all of creation. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation.

*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

**God of the Sparrow**

VU 229

## 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: *(from the New Revised Standard Version)*  
Mark 1:9–13  
Matthew 18:21-35

## Anthem

**Called by Earth and Sky**

*(Pat Mayberry)* 

## Reflection

### Hymn **Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness**

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

Invitation to Offering

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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

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

VU 375

\* 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

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***Join us in the gym immediately after worship for food, friends  
and fun. Cost: pay-as-you-can, Smiles: free***

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
*Bethany United Church, Dunnville, Niagara Presbytery*

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

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**The flowers today are placed by Ena and family in loving memory of husband & father, Bob Arnot, and grandson, Tyler Okrainetz.**

### IN OUR CHURCH:

**Faith Study:** From the "Living the Questions" series we begin a new study "Painting the Stars" on **Wed. Sept. 20<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.



**Men's breakfast planning meeting next week** Come to a very brief meeting to touch base and make plans for the Men's Breakfast on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Parlour at noon. If unable to attend but interested please leave a note in mailbox #9

**Rockway Mennonite Church Grand Opening** and Open House - **Sunday, September 24 at 2:30 pm**. Come see our newly renovated facilities at 47 Onward Avenue, Kitchener. A short program at 2:30 pm followed by self-guided tours & refreshments!

**SJR Reads: Mon. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 -3:30 p.m in the Parlour.** We'll be discussing "Emancipation Day" by Wayne Grady, the selection for 2017 One Book, One Community. Available in our Book Nook at SJR, KPL & WPL. The author will be at KPL the evening of Tues. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - we hope to attend this event too.

**United Church Women (UCW)** Ladies! We are once again meeting in the parlour on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. We have a variety of topics and guest speakers. You don't want to miss our Christmas potluck & candle light service, or the special wrap up "party" in June. Every meeting ends with social time & goodies. Sound like fun? Join us! Our next, meeting is **Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, in the Parlour**. We welcome all ladies of the church, and we hope to see you there!

**Calling all youth! Confirmation 2017/2018** SJRUC is excited to join this collaborative venture hosted & facilitated by Emmanuel United Church: Classes once per month **Sept. 19 (this week!)** until March 2018. Classes to take place at Emmanuel United Church, Waterloo, with option of rotating between home congregations of participants. Ask an



elder/mentor from your home congregation to accompany you through the process & attend gatherings with you. Please see the poster in the foyer at SJRUC for contact information to reserve your spot! Classes will be led by Rev. Jenn Hind 519-635-2184 and Youth Minister, Gord Spence. 519-585-0226. Email [secretary@emmanueluc.ca](mailto:secretary@emmanueluc.ca)

## OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Valerie H.
<b>Counters</b>	Lorrie & Nelson G., Brian M.
<b>Ushers</b>	Grace A., Nancy E., Bob & Carol S.
<b>Choir</b>	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

## IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**Taizé ecumenical worship** Please join us:

***Sunday, Sept. 24, 7:30 pm*** at *St. Mark's Catholic Church, 55 Driftwood Drive in Kitchener 519-571-9200.*

***Sunday, Oct. 22, 7:30 pm*** at *Conrad Grebel Univ. College Chapel, 140 Westmount Road North, Wtloo 519-885-0220*

**Concert - Fundraiser for Foodgrains Bank:** ***Sept. 30 7 pm*** at ***Rockwood United Church*** 119 Harris Street, Rockwood.

Rockwood & Stone United Church choirs come together to sing, celebrate, & raise funds to help end global hunger through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donations eligible for a matching contribution from the Government of Canada. For more info see "Common Vision" poster in the SJRUC foyer, or visit:

[www.rockwoodstoneunitedchurches.com](http://www.rockwoodstoneunitedchurches.com) or email [rockwoodstoneuc@gmail.com](mailto:rockwoodstoneuc@gmail.com)

**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 featuring incredibly lush & rich harmonies. Plus, Greg Gibson, a young jazz pianist and the organist at Christ The King United Church will be performing. Proceeds to the Community Ministry Program which provides dinner every Wed. evening to ~70 marginalized people, a special dinner at Thanksgiving & Christmas to more than 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 and death from "both sides of the hospital bed" as he says. Come to hear this engaging speaker at ***7 p.m. Monday October 16 at Trinity United Church 400***

***Stevenson St N, Guelph.*** Tickets \$20, available from Trinity, Hospice Wellington or Therapeutic Touch Practitioners.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Sept 14 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m.
- ☐ Sept 19 Confirmation @ Emmanuel United Church, Wtloo.
- ☐ Sept 20 Faith Study "Painting the Stars" - Parlour 7-9 pm
- ☐ Sept 21 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m.
- ☐ Sept 24 Men's Breakfast Planning Mtg. - 10 noon parlour
- ☐ Sept 24 Rockway Mennonite Grd Opening/Open House 2:30
- ☐ Sept 25 SJR Reads - Parlour 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ☐ Sept 25 UCW - Parlour 7:30 pm

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for more upcoming events***



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***Monica will be out of the office Tues.- Thurs. Sept 19-21.  
Voice mail and email will be monitored***