
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, September 24, 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

Response Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (refrain)

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Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Prelude

Deep River

(spiritual, arr. Larry Shackley)

***Opening Hymn** **River Running in You and Me** MV 163 

Call to Worship

One: We invite the rivers to worship with us:

All: **the Grand River which feeds and flows,
and all the streams that drift eventually to the sea.**

One: We invite the country creeks to sing:

All: **teaming with life,
fish and tadpoles, crayfish and mosquitoes.**

One: We invite the fauna to praise God with us:

All: **ducks, heron, and loons,
dragonflies and sleepy snapping turtles.**

One: We join with the waters in praising God:

**All: quiet waters trickling by
and waves dancing at the river mouth.**

One: We celebrate the song of the river!

**All: The ever movement of the river reminds us of the
stirrings of the Spirit.**

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
rivers, the streams and waterways of Earth. Help
us empathize with your creatures who are
suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the
vibrant world of the rivers. In the name of Christ,
who reconciles and restores all things in creation.
Amen.**

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 **Peace like a River**

VU 577

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)*

Psalm 1

Matthew 20:1-16

Anthem **Words of Chief Seattle**

(Amy Stephen) 


Reflection

Solo **I See the Love of God in Every River** *(David Ouchterlony)* 
(Nikki Ferreira, soprano)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering **(Donate online at sjruc.ca)**

Offertory **The Gift of Love** *(H. Hopson, arr. John Carter)*
(O Waly Waly or The Water Is Wide)

* 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 **I See a New Heaven** VU 713

* 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 Hornpipe from 'The Water Music' (G. F. Handel)

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Bethel United Church: Port Colborne, Niagara Presbytery



There is some discrepancy over the origins of O Waly Waly (The Water is Wide). Part of the text for the original ballad dates back to 17th century Scotland but the first published version in 1724 was attributed to an Englishman. The tune we know today (see VU 372), was compiled from parts of 3 different field recordings made in Somerset, England between 1904 and 1906. There are also many variants in text, including the one made popular in the 1950's by Pete Seeger, The Water is Wide. Hal Hopson adapted and arranged O Waly Waly as an anthem in 1971 with words from 1 Corinthians 13 and his version became known as 'The Gift of Love'.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Men's breakfast planning meeting Come to a very brief meeting to touch base and make plans for the Men's Breakfast **TODAY, Sept. 24th** 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 - **TODAY, Sept. 24th 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. 25th at 1:30 -3:30 p.m in the Parlour.** We'll be discussing 'Emancipation Day' by Wayne Grady. Available in our Book Nook at SJR, KPL & WPL. The author will be at KPL Tues. evening Sept. 26th - we hope to attend!

UCW first fall meeting is tomorrow (**Mon. Sept. 25**) **in the Parlour at 7:30 pm.** The speaker is Carmen Sutherland who will tell us about her experience with a group called Bridges to Belongings. Please come, renew friendships after the summer and make our speaker welcome. See you then.



Book Nook: **A Thousand Tomorrows and Just Beyond the Clouds** written by Karen Kingsbury Two novels in one book. Each novel covers a health issue This author keeps you turning the pages and hoping the novel will not end. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.

Faith Study: From the "Living the Questions" series we begin continue our new study "Painting the Stars" on **Wed. Sept. 27th, 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 October 17**, until March 2018. Classes to take place at Emmanuel United Church, Waterloo, with option of rotating between congregations of participants. Ask an elder/mentor from your home congregation to accompany you through the process & attend gatherings with you. See the poster in the foyer at SJRUC for information to reserve your spot! Classes led by Rev. Jenn Hind 519-635-2184 and Youth Minister, Gord Spence. 519-585-0226. Email secretary@emmanueluc.ca



Dancing with DisABILITY Classes Tuesday mornings 10.30-11.30 a.m in the Rainbow Room. Four places have been reserved for church members free of charge. For more info see the Community Bulletin Board. Sign up yourself or pass on the information to anyone who enjoys music and loves to dance despite their physical challenges. <http://bodymindandmovementprogram.com>



The Cookie Walk Committee is meeting in the Parlor after the service on **Sunday, October 1st**. Past helpers and anyone who would like to join are welcome!

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

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	David Bird
Lay Reader	Janice Bock
Counters	Valerie Hoag, Lorrie Grigg, Nelson Grigg
Gather & Gab	George Cockburn, Maureen Dennie
Ushers	Carol Wilson, Ena Arnot, Debbie Springall, Donna Stephens
Choir	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 or email rockwoodstoneuc@gmail.com

Community Ministry Concert Sunday, Oct. 1st 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.

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. You can trust in MLI Homestay to give you training and support throughout your hosting experience via our network of experienced, friendly and reliable staff. If interested, please contact Meenu Bhandari on 519-616-6759 or email kitchener@mlihomestay.com

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ 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
- ☐ Sept 27 Faith Study "Painting the Stars" - Parlour 7-9 pm
- ☐ Sept 28 Choir Rehearsal - Rainbow Room 7:30-9 p.m
- ☐ Oct 1 Cookie Walk Committee Mtg - 12 noon Parlour

***Visit www.sjruc.ca
for more upcoming events***



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