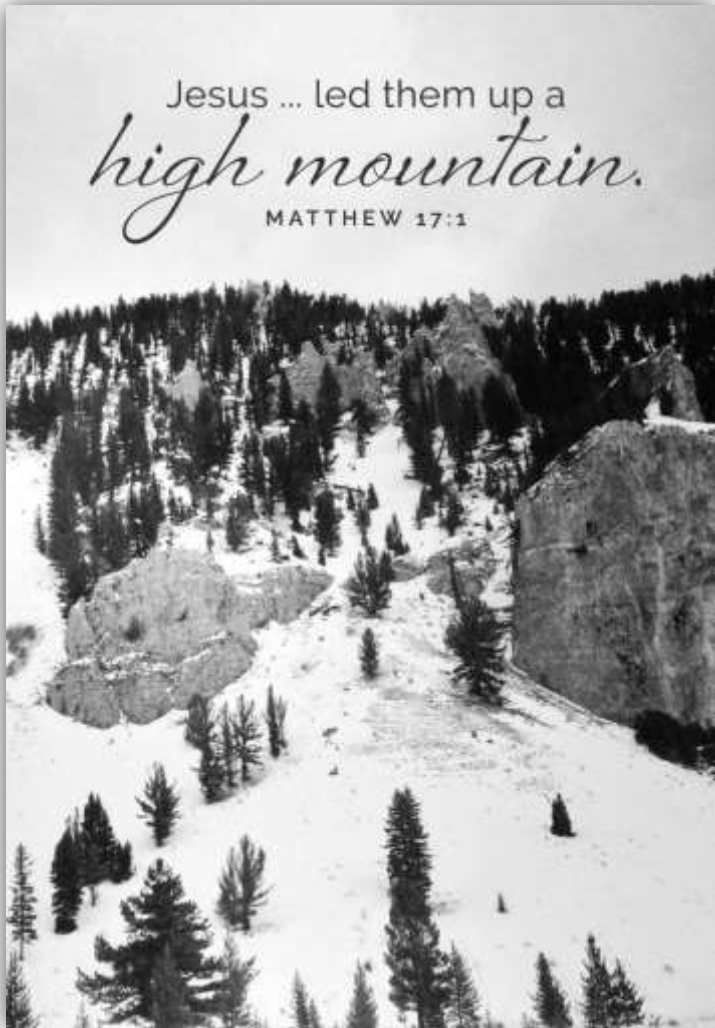

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, February 11, 2018
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 our Christ Candle

Prelude **Lord, I Want To Be A Christian**

(trad. spiritual, arr. John Carter)

*Opening Hymn **In the Bulb There is a Flower** VU703

Call to Worship *written by Richard Bott*

One: God touches the world,

All: and the world changes.

One: God touches us,

All: and we are transformed.

One: In the brightest of day,

All: in the deepest of night,

One: on mountain,

All: in valley,

One: everywhere.

**All: In this time, together,
we invite God
to open our eyes
to the transformation
of our lives.**

One: So that through this change –

All: we worship God.

Alleluia!

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Rachel Hackenberg*

One: Before the light of Epiphany fades,
before we don the ashes of Lent,
O Jesus we pray: light a light for us.

Light a light for us that is brighter
than our the worries of our hearts.

Light a light that is stronger
than our fears and our faith.

Light a light for us, O Jesus,
for we are flailing in the dark,
injuring one another as we grope for some
certainty and assurance along our way.

Light a light that blazes in brilliance and proves
the shadows in our lives to be fleeting and insidious.

Light such a light, we pray with longing.
Light a light for us that leads us to peace.

*For the light of the world shines through Jesus, and together
we pray as he taught us, using these words or words more
familiar to us:*

Lord's Prayer (read and prayed slowly together)

**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

Behold, I Make All Things New

MV 115

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures

Mark 8:34-38; Mark 9:1-10 (NSRV)

Anthem

Steal Away
Colin Watts, Solo

(arr. Moses Hogan)

Reflection

Hymn

Transform Us

tune Picardy (473 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

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1. Transform us as you, transfigured,
stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains;
search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen,
full of questions, filled with fright.
2. Transform us as you transfigured,
once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness
of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body,
chosen daughters, chosen sons.
3. Transform us as you transfigured,
would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation
time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways,
where our love is not confined.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Vesper Voluntary No. 3

(Edward Elgar)

* 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

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Bless Now, O God, the Journey** VU 633

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction ("Go Now in Peace" by Besig & Price ©1988)

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.

*Please remain seated as we conclude
our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

Sortie

(George Blake)

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

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***Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Kincardine United Church, Bruce Presbytery***

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Join us for our Upcoming Lenten Events:

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Service (7 p.m. in Parlour)
Feb. 18 - First Sunday in Lent - How to Pray (Simple Prayers)
Feb. 25 - Lent 2 - Baden Powell Sunday
Mar. 4 - Lent 3 - How to Pray - Help, Thanks, Wow
Mar. 11 - Lent 4 - How to Pray - Laments and Psalms
Mar. 18 - Lent 5 - How to Pray - Lectio Divina
Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday/Lent 6 - How to Pray - Lord's Prayer and Amen



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Reminder to all outgoing Board Members:

Please empty your mailboxes and return your keys. Keys can be placed in mailbox # 34 in an envelope with your name on it.



Moses Hogan (1957-2003) is considered to have been single-handedly responsible for the introduction of the professional choral spiritual and for the revitalization of the African-American spiritual tradition. A very talented pianist, he enjoyed a brief career as a solo performer, but in 1980, became concerned about the decreasing popularity of traditional spirituals. It became his passion to revive choral singing of this medium by composing new arrangements of classic spirituals and he formed several choirs to perform this music internationally. He has over 70 published compositions and his most famous publication is *The Oxford Book of Spirituals* (2002), a comprehensive compilation of arrangements of African-American music for choir.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Stay for Lunch! *Next Sunday, Feb. 18th* join us after worship next Sunday for a hearty lunch, shared with friends you know & those you've yet to meet. Cost is pay-as-you-can.

Following our Annual Meeting held on Feb. 4, we are still in need of 2 individuals to sit on and chair our Christian Education committee. Chair may be shared between individuals, and no experience of Christian education (or even Sunday School) required. This committee is responsible for overseeing the Christian educational and experiential needs of all ages of the congregation, with oversight of Sunday School, Faith Study, Book Study, Reel Theology, and the Library. For more information, speak to Rev. Chris, as we want to ensure these vital programs continue in our church.

Book Nook: *And She Said* by Betty Randerson Turcott.

This book is a wonderful resource for Bible study, programs for women's groups, and storytellers. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



Ash Wednesday Service Feb 14th 7 p.m. in the Parlour. Please join us for this meaningful time, and for those interested we will continue with our discussion group after the service.

"Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time" with Tim Scorer and Marcus Borg begins with an introduction to this ten session study on Wednesday, February 14th in the Parlour after a short Ash Wednesday Service. This study invites everyone to engage the Bible, wrestle with its meaning, explore its mysteries, and understand its relevance. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend.



SJR Reads: Monday, Feb. 19th, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
in the Parlour. Like to read? Enjoy discussing books?
Join us to talk about 'Songs of Willow Frost' by Jamie
Ford. This book is available at KPL & WPL (including
audio book and e book) All are welcome!

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held
on **Friday, March 2nd at 2:00pm at St. James'-
Rosemount.** A time of fellowship will follow the
service. We will share this ecumenical service with our
neighbouring churches - Stanley Park Baptist, Kitchener
East Presbyterian, Hope Lutheran and St. Anthony
Daniel's RC. We need help from members of SJR to bring this
service together. Please sign the sheet outside the kitchen door
if you are available. Thanks!



Cambodian Lunch fundraiser for Heather E.'s medical mission
trip to Guatemala with VIDA. Hope you can join us on **Sunday,
March 4th** following worship for a traditional Cambodian Lunch
created by our very own Chef Hong. Tickets are \$18 for Adults,
\$10 for Youth (7-12 yrs) Children (up to 6) Free, and will be on
sale today and for the next 3 Sundays until Feb 25th. Thank you
to everyone for your generous support to date which has raised
\$1400 towards the \$3000 cost of the mission trip.

Wanted: We need backup for the primary class JK to grade 2. We
would greatly appreciate someone who would volunteer to fill in
when Jan is away. Working with these children is a joy! Consider
this opportunity to spend time with our young children. Contact
anyone on CE to discuss the possibilities - you'll be glad you did!

Loblaws \$25 Gift Cards - Most of you have or are going to apply
for this gift card being offered to all those over 18 with an email
address. Signup @ www.loblawcard.ca Everyone in your family
can apply. Once you receive your gift card, please consider
giving it to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. If you place the
gift card on the collection plate during a Sunday service, the
cards will be delivered to the Food Bank for you. If you feel you
need a tax receipt you will need to contact the Food Bank
directly. Thank you!

We Collect! Please dig out your musty & dusty old pennies!
Our UCW collects them! They go back to the mint.
Proceeds support our Mission & Service commitment,
which is \$4500 for 2018. You'll find a collection jar on
the table in the narthex. Thank you, everybody!



OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C.
Layreader	Ron B.
BookNook	Steve W.
Counters	Nelson & Lorrie G., Donna S.
Ushers	Don & Anne W., Jacob S., Doug R.
Gather & Gab	Daisy B., Karen B.

Choir: Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Wanted: Small furnished apartment (or shared accom.) with single parking spot needed by a friend of the congregation.
Non-smoking, no pets. Contact Church office: 519-742-1002

Westminster's Annual Pancake Supper & Silent Auction fundraiser on Tues., Feb. 13th 5 p.m. 7 p.m. at Westminster United Church (543 Beechwood Dr., Waterloo). \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children 2-12, Free for children under 2. All-you-can-eat pancakes & sausage, fruit, & beverages. Silent auction and bake sale. Tickets in advance or at door. For more info or tickets: office@westminsterunited.ca or 519-746-6080.

See the bulletin board across from the Rose Room for more events

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Feb 14 **Faith Study & Ash Wed Service-** 7-9 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 18 **Stay for Lunch** after the Worship Service!
- ☐ Feb 19 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 27 **Reel Theology** 5:30 p.m. Long Sunday School Room
- ☐ Mar 04 **Cambodian Lunch Fundraiser** after the Service!

Check the SJRUC bulletin boards & www.sjruc.ca for upcoming events!

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

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