
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, February 18, 2018 - Lent I
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 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (arr. John Carter)

***Opening Hymn Spirit of the Living God VU 376**

Call to Worship

One: Today we start a journey,

All: **following the one who goes before us.**

**For we follow the one who leads us this Lenten
season, closer to one another, closer to God.**

**Through prayer, song, and silence,
Jesus calls us into new life.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by J. Philip Newell*

One: In the silence of the morning

I am alive to the new day's light,
alert to the early stirrings of the wind
and the first sounds of the creatures.

In the silence of my heart

I hear the yearnings that are in me and the fears,
the hopes that rise from within
and the doubts that trouble my soul.

In the beginnings of this day, O God,
before the night's stillness is lost to the day's
busyness, open to me the treasure of my inner being
that in the midst of this day's busyness
I may draw on wisdom.

Assure me again of my origins in you,
assure me again that my true depths are of you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: God of each moment, amongst the busyness
of this week, we lost...ourselves...our patience...
our purpose... and so in this time of confession,
we seek to reclaim what was lost.

Silence

Drawing deep within us,
we hear the echoes of your love, O God...

**All: For your love calls us back,
God of being, God of stillness.
Your love calls us back...**

*To words that are not our own, words of depth and heritage
and history, words that Jesus taught his followers, saying,*

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 **Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary** (x 2) MV 18

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 **1 Samuel 1:9-18** (NSRV)

Anthem **Hear My Prayer** (Moses Hogan)

Reflection: How to Pray – Simple Prayer

Hymn **Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour**

VU 665

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Siciliano from Concerto in D minor**

(Antonio Vivaldi, arr. J.S. Bach)

* Offering Response **Doxology**

VU 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

*Throughout Lent we will pray in **silence** similar to the Taizé community in France, leading both into the prayer and out of the prayer with singing. Today's response is*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

***Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

VU 286

* 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 you listen
to the postlude.***

Postlude

Chorale Prelude “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten”

(If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You)

(J.S. Bach)

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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:
Knox United Church, Ayr, Waterloo Presbytery***

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Join us for our Upcoming Lenten Events:

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 Board Members:

Mailbox numbers have been reassigned for the new board members. Outgoing board members empty your mailboxes and return your keys. Keys can be placed in mailbox # 34 in an envelope with your name on it.



J. S. Bach was court composer and organist in the court of the Duke of Weimar, Germany, from 1708 to 1717. During that time, his employer's son, Prince Johann Ernst, went to Amsterdam to study. An enthusiastic violinist, the Prince attended concerts

and returned home with many pieces of music purchased from publishing houses in the city. He was particularly a fan of concertos by such composers as Antonio Vivaldi and commissioned Bach to transcribe (re-write) these pieces into organ compositions, a popular concert style in Amsterdam. Bach used the re-writing process to learn about this style of music and apply techniques to his own compositions. This concerto was originally written for 2 violins and a cello. Antonio Vivaldi, a contemporary of Bach, was an Italian composer who wrote hundreds of compositions for students at an orphanage where he taught music.

IN OUR CHURCH:

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: Walk in Her Sandals edited by Kelly M.

Wahlquist. This book guides you on a prayerful and creative journey through Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. .On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



"Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time" with Tim Scorer and Marcus Borg a ten session study on Wednesdays, in the Parlour at 7 p.m. 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!

Reel Theology: Happy Feet--Mumble, a young penguin, lives in Antarctica and needs to be able to sing. He has a terrible voice and needs to be able to express himself in other ways. Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman etc. are voices in this animated film. All ages welcome. **Tuesday, Feb. 27.5:30-** Potluck followed by film and discussion. Sign-up sheet on back table in the Narthex.

UCW Meeting Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Parlour. We will learn about Suriname, a small country in northern South America. It's the country featured in the World Day of Prayer Service held here on March 2nd. All women of our congregation are welcome!

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!



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!

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C.
Layreader	Maureen D.
BookNook	Norma M.
Greeters	Hong S., Charmian P. Debbie E., Roy G.
Counters	Hong S., Charmian P., Donna S.
Ushers	Luella C., Carol W., Keith S., Donna S.,

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



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Save The Date: Together We Can Save Lives!

Please join Emmanuel United Church and Waterloo Wayside in partnership with Sanguen Health Centre and the Educational Assistance Assoc. for a community awareness event.

Emmanuel United Church (Gathering Hall)

Monday, February 26, 2018, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Speakers, Presentations and Refreshments
Naloxone Kits and Training will be available on site

***See the bulletin board across from the
Rose Room for Community Events***

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Feb 19 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 21 **Faith Study** - 7-9 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 26 **UCW Meeting** 7 p.m. 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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