
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Sunday, February 4, 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 **Old French Song** *(Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky)*

***Opening Hymn We Are One VU 402**

Call to Worship

One: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

All: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

One: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

All: Gather us in, the young and the old.

One: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

**All: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ,
healer and helper.**

One: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

All: Gather us in, to know of God's love.

One: Gather us all, as one.

Opening Prayer

One: Holy Spirit: It is humbling for us to realize we cannot
heal ourselves. In community, with you, and with
others, our strength is renewed. Help us to rest fully
on the love of those around us, that it may carry us to
new life. And when we feel able, may gratefulness
enable us to carry those in our midst...

*For we pray this in the name of the one who waits to heal,
the name of Jesus, 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.**

Communion Hymn **Long Ago and Far Away** MV 195

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

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 2:1-12** (NSRV)

Anthem **There Is A Balm In Gilead** (arr. Robert Lau)
Nikki F., Solo

Reflection

Hymn **We Are Pilgrims** VU 595

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Tranquilly

(C. Hubert H. Parry)

* Offering Response

***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.***

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*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of Hope and Remembrance

Rosaleen Gross

Dorothy Wittie

David Longmire

Donna Woloshyn

Bruce Barrie

Kathleen Vaughn

Alice Jelfs

Alex Kobelek

Lorie Davis

Gertie Morgenroth

Jim Millar

Ken Gawthorn

Alice Lamarre

Beryl Reid-McGowan

Don Cox

Mac Kennedy

Roger Higgins

Wally Kaehler

Georgina Carl

Frances Smith

Doreen Wilhelm

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

VU 556

* Commissioning

One: Christ's food in our souls,

All: Our food, shared like his.

One: Christ's life in our hands,

All: Our lives shaped by his.

One: Christ's love in our hearts,

All: Our love warmed through his.

One: Christ's peace on our path,

All: Our path following his.

*** 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

(César Franck)

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

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Annual Congregational Meeting today following Gather & Gab. Please bring your copy of the 2017 Annual Report.

2017 Income Tax Receipts and 2018 SJR Directories
are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

Join us for our Upcoming Lenten Events:

Feb. 11 - Transfiguration Sunday

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Service (7pm 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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***Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Fulton Stone, Ker and Tapleystown United Churches,
Hamilton Presbytery***



'Jesus Bids Us Shine' was first published in the children's magazine 'The Little Corporal' in 1868. The author of the text was Susan Warner (1819-1885), an American evangelical writer of religious fiction, children's fiction and theological works. She wrote a number of successful novels depicting rural American life. She and her sister Anna (who wrote the first verse of Jesus Loves Me), began writing to earn income after the family's fortunes changed. They also held Bible studies for West Point cadets after the family was forced to move to the country, near the Academy. The music for 'Jesus Bids Us Shine' was written by Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), a prominent American publisher, composer and song leader. During his lifetime he compiled or contributed to about 90 secular and sacred song books and it is estimated that he composed or arranged more than 2000 songs, including his 1909 arrangement and stanza selection of Amazing Grace, the setting which is most commonly used today. By the time of his death, his music publishing business was the highest volume producer of hymnbooks in the United States.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Book Nook: And Wisdom Comes Quietly by Helen Exley.

The author brings together the wisest words ever written about living simply and peacefully amidst the pressures of the world. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.



Prayer Shawl Gathering: Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. - noon

(note date change!) at the home of Teresa C. Are you currently part of this ministry? Interested or curious? If you enjoy knitting/crocheting & chatting, we'd love to have you join us for this casual stitch-session.



Knitters/crocheters of all skill levels and ages welcome! Patterns, yarn & needles available or bring your own.

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.

Cambodian Lunch fundraiser for Heather E.'s medical mission trip to Guatemala with VIDA. Hope you can join us on Sunday,

March 4 th 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.

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!

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!

Sunday School for the older children Grade 7 & up continues today with Nelson G. in the 'Garden Room' in the hallway past the washrooms.

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!

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C.
Greeters	Richard & Mary J.,
Layreader	Lorrie G.
BookNook	Christine M.
Counters	Dorothy H., Brian M., Anne W.
Ushers	Ena A., Freddi M., Cec O., Debbie S.
Gather & Gab	George C., Maureen D.

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

The Grand Philharmonic Choir presents: Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Poulenc's Gloria and Timothy Corlis - Psalm 150. With soprano, Natasha Campbell and countertenor, Daniel Cabena **Saturday February 10th, at 7:30pm.** St Peter's Lutheran Church 49 Queen St N. Kitchener. Tickets from \$5 to \$30 at CITS box office 519 578 1570 or www.grandphilchoir.com. General seating.

You Can Feed Hungry Neighbours in 2018 by participating in House of Friendship's (HoF) February Potato Blitz. Volunteers are needed to collect donations of cash and spuds at area grocery stores on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 am to 3 pm (2-hr shifts). Please sign up no later than Tuesday, Feb. 5. For more information, or to sign up, contact Dawn at: specialevents@houseoffriendship.org or 519-742-8327 x 119.

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 6 **Board Exec Meeting** - 7 p.m in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 7 **Faith Study "Simply Enough"** - 7-9 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb 10 **Prayer Shawl Gathering** 10 a.m. - noon 111 Dooley Dr.
- ☐ Feb 18 **Stay for Lunch** after the Worship Service!
- ☐ Feb 27 **Reel Theology** 5:30 p.m. Long Sunday School Room

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

SJRUC CHURCH STAFF:

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

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