
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

Believe



April 15th - 3rd Sunday of Easter
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

Prelude

Air

(Samuel Wesley)

*Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

VU 164

Call to Worship

One: In a gathered room, Jesus, the risen one,
shared the mystery of hope.

**All: If we believe, it is because
we have touched the hands of fellowship
and felt the wounds of love.**

One: Believe because you see.

**All: That you may share
the experience of resurrection
with all those still afraid.**

One: Yet believe because you do not see.

**All: If we believe, it is because our doubts
are accompanied by hope,
because our fears
are disputed by holy imagination.
We want to believe. Help our unbelief.**

Opening Prayer *written by Rev. Karla*

One: Holy One, on this Eastertide morning, we come to you, still singing alleluias, celebrating new life all around us, yet not quite believing it all, but going along with it, just the same.

We celebrate the doubters and questioners among us, who simply keep our faith real, who demand that we live our believing into faith that works towards justice and peace, and making sure that the hungry are nourished and loved.

We celebrate the saints among us, whose courageous faith flies without a safety net, reminding us that true discipleship is risky and radical in the face of a world held hostage by greed, love of power, and denial.

We are your Easter people, Holy One.
Doubters, believers, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious, who skip, run, and stumble on the journey.
We pray that whomever and wherever we are on this journey, that you might open our ears and eyes to your call, to be Your love, where ever we are.

In the name of Christ we pray, saying the words he left with us to unite 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.**

MV 121

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Anthem

Blest Are the Eyes That Have Not Seen You (Fred Gramann)
Nikki Ferreira, soprano

Reflection: **Believing is Seeing**

Hymn **You Tell Me that the Lord is Risen** VU 185

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

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

Offertory **A Ground in Gamut** *(Henry Purcell)*

* 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 the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King VU 217

* Commissioning

One: Peace be with you.

**All: Jesus, we want to believe that life prevails,
but we've seen too much death.**

One: Peace be with you.

**All: Jesus, we want to believe that love wins out,
but we've seen too much hatred.**

One: As God has sent me, now I send you.

**All: How can we speak to peace
when division and debate are so popular?
How can we speak to grace in a world
so full of unjust justice?**

One: Peace is with you, now and always.

Live the peace of your heart for all to see.

As God has sent Jesus, God now sends us,
to be bearers of this peace.

* Choral Benediction **Look Beyond**

Rise above the worry of loss;

when we love, we take up our cross.

So return with kindness even the hurt;

let a flower bloom from the dirt.

Reach across the bound'ries and walls,

and extend your welcome to all.

In our neighbour's face, God's image is found;

and the living Spirit abounds.

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

Postlude **Gavotte**

(Samuel Wesley)

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



**Due to the inclement weather forecasted for today
Lunch is rescheduled to next Sunday, April 22nd**

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Henry Purcell (1659-1695) is generally considered to be one of the greatest English composers prior to the 20th century. He composed music in a wide range of styles - for the church, the stage, the court and for private entertainment. He began composing at the age of 9, became a chorister of the Chapel Royal (the chapel of Charles II and the royal family) and apprenticed in instrument maintenance and music copying at Westminster Abbey. In 1669 he was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey and in 1682 he was also appointed organist of the Chapel Royal. He was highly revered by both the church and the royal family and is buried adjacent to the organ in Westminster Abbey. A 'ground' was a popular compositional style in the 17th century. It uses a short, recurring melodic pattern in the bass part of a composition and this serves as the principal structural element for the piece. A 'gamut' refers to a complete scale of musical notes. If you listen to the bass line of Purcell's 'A Ground in Gamut' you will hear the complete G major scale, in a descending pattern, used repeatedly, with some rhythmic variations.

IN OUR CHURCH:

Heather E. is currently collecting donations of medical supplies and items for children for her trip to Guatemala April 28 - May 10. If you are interested in contributing check the list on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Medical donations are greatly appreciated as they will help supply the clinics we will be running and children's gifts will be given out to children we see at clinic.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stethoscope | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed animals - small |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure cuff | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys - small |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Bubbles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital thermometers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stickers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gauze | <input type="checkbox"/> Colouring books - Small |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandages | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urine test strips (for uti's) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy tests | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balls - small | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Shoes |



There will be a commissioning service for Heather on Sunday, April 22nd during worship - hope you will be there!

Book Nook: Happiness written by Joan Chittister. Happiness is an acquired taste. You do not get it by wanting it. We have to know what it is before we'll ever know if we have it nor not. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks

SJR Reads: *Monday, April 23^d, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.* in the Parlour. Join us to talk about 'The Golden Son: a novel by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. Many copies available - in our own Book Nook (church library) as well as at KPL & WPL (incl. audio book & ebook). Curl up in a cozy place and start reading! All welcome!



Reel Theology *Tuesday April 24th - 5:30* Potluck and film & discussion to follow with Maureen. "The Fighting Temptations" has a message & good music. An advertising exec (Cuba Gooding Jr.) loses his job & girlfriend after "stretching the truth". He returns to Georgia and gets help from a childhood friend (Beyonce). All ages welcome. To assist those who might need help with the pace of speech or accents we will try to run the subtitles on the screen. Kindly signup on sheet on back table.



The Garage Sale *Saturday, April 28th, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.* House cleaning this spring? We'd love to help! Collect the treasures you don't want and deliver them to SJRUC Wednesday. April 25th to Friday, April 27th, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We'll take small appliances and

tools that work, dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, pots and pans, used hand tools, kid's toys, books DVDs, CDs, jewelry, good clean used clothing, plants that you have split and are ready to be planted and.... anything else you don't need or want! ***"Many hands make light work"*** so check the sign-up sheets outside the upstairs kitchen and let us know when you can help. All funds raised will go to the Mission and Service Fund. Any questions can be directed to Cec O. – via the church office.

Faith Study in May with Rev. Chris. We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on his book Unafraid, Adam Hamilton explores the worries and fears most of us experience. Join us! Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	AVTeam
BookNook	Norma M.
Layreader	Anne W.
Counters	Steve W., Donna S., Brian M.
Ushers	Maureen K., Freddi M., Luella C., Valerie H.
Greeters	Margaret S., Sr. Evelyn S.
Choir:	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Spiritus Ensemble presents Mozart's magnificent Requiem and choruses by Johann Ludwig Bach **Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.**, at St John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo. Soloists of Capella Intima: Sheila Dietrich, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo soprano; Bud Roach, tenor; David Roth, bass. Kenneth Hull conducting. Tickets available at the door and online at www.spiritusensemble.com.

Annual Used Book Sale At First United Church 16 William St W, Waterloo. Hosted by Cdn. Fed. of Univ. Women to raise scholarship funds for young women. **Friday, April 20, 9-9 pm and Saturday., April 21, 9-1 pm**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ April 18 **Faith Study** 7 pm in the Parlour
- ☐ April 22 **Stay for Lunch** after the service! All welcome!
- ☐ April 23 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ April 24 **Reel Theology** - 5:45 Long Sunday School Rm
- ☐ April 28 **Garage Sale & Pancake Breakfast**
- ☐ April 30 **UCW Meeting** - 7 p.m. in the Parlour



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