
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

**“It’s you I like. It’s not the things you wear.
It’s not the way you do your hair.
But it’s you I like, the way you are right now, the way down deep inside you.
Not the things that hide you.
... It’s you I like.”**

-Fred Rogers



**March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday in Lent
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 and storms.
We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.
We're glad you're here!*

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 **Lento Molto** *(Edvard Grieg)*

Opening Hymn **As the Deer** VU 766

Call to Worship

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ
to worship God.

**All: Surely, God is in this place
and calls each of us to see our worth,
as we gather, feed our souls, and share love.**

One: God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**All: That we may share God's love and life,
may the earth be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Terri*

One: Holy God, before time you named us
Through time you redeem us
You call us, precious in your sight

All: May we love as you love.

One: Holy One, through the turbulent waters
Make us steady, your hands
Holding strong the fragile and weak

All: May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry, bread
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word

All: May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove that which separates,
Of all that keeps us from
Hearing, following, your call

All: May we love as you love.

Loving God, take this day our fears our
Worries, distractions, and turn them to love,
welcome, and acceptance.

All: May we love as you love.

Silence

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

VU 959

**All: *Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil

for the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Won't You Be My Neighbour? © Fred Rogers

It's a beautiful day in the neighbourhood,

a beautiful day for a neighbour.

Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

Won't you be my neighbour?

Hymn

It's You I Like © Fred Rogers

from https://youtu.be/DSxgPXV_Snc

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures: John 4:5-42

Anthem **Rivers of Living Water** (Karen Marroli)
Crystal Fallis, flute Bridget Walsh, violin

Reflection **The Gospel According to Fred:**
It's You I Like

Hymn **Just as I Am** VU 508

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory/Meditation **Meditation from 'Thais'** (Jules Massenet)

* Offering Response **Your Work, O God** VU 537

***Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.***

***Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.***

* Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

Sung response – **All Who are Thirsty** (sung twice) MV 4

***All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep. We sing***

Refrain 1st time –

Come, Lord Jesus, come. X4

Refrain 2nd time –

Holy Spirit, come. X4

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

- * Closing Hymn **By the Well, a Thirsty Woman** MV 117
sung to VU559 – Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

***By the well, a thirsty woman
found the life that you could give,
We, too, thirst like empty vessels –
fill us full that we may live.***

***Jesus, source of living water,
Wellspring bubbling deep within,
By the waters of our baptism
Wisdom purpose life begin.***

***Plant us firm, like trees by water,
send our roots down deep in you,
Quench our parched and thirsty spirits
with your water, pure and true.***

***Jesus, source of living water,
Nourisher of all on earth,
By the waters of our baptism
quicken growth and give new birth.***

***May we be your streams of justice,
as the water, may we move
Through your people – by your Spirit
showing mercy, sharing love.***

***Jesus, source of living water,
Groundswell forcing truth to view,
By the waters of our baptism
set us free to live for you.***

- * Commissioning

- * Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace**

*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 listen to the postlude.

Postlude

La Sevillana

(Delphin Alard)

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***Please join us after the service today for Gather & Gab
in the in the Rainbow Room. Everyone welcome!***



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Thank you very much to Bridget Walsh, our guest violinist today. Bridget is seventeen years old and started learning the violin at age four. She plays in the first violin section with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra and is concertmaster of the Guelph Youth Symphony Orchestra. Bridget has won many awards such as the 'Bourse d'excellence' scholarship in August 2019 and a 'NUFSICISUM' leadership award in June 2019. Last June she attended the Vancouver Symphony Orchestral Institute in British Columbia, an international summer music-intensive program, and hopes to get selected for the 2020 program.

IN OUR CHURCH:

COVID19 Prevention at SJR: Illnesses associated with the new coronavirus are similar to several respiratory illnesses and include fever, dry cough, sore throat and headache. Most cases are mild to moderate with a subset experiencing more severe illness with shortness of breath and difficulty breathing. Reported signs and symptoms include: fever, coughing, difficulty breathing, pneumonia in both lungs. ***Prevention:*** Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Refrain from shaking hands. Cover your cough with a tissue then toss tissue in trash. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth. Please do not attend church if you are unwell. If you have visited any of the high-risk countries (currently mainland China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Korea) please do not attend church for at least 2 weeks after your return.

Please watch the bulletin and your email for further updates or possible cancellations of upcoming events, meetings, etc.

Food Drive now until March 29th SJRUC is hosting its initial food drive for 2020 in support of the Region of Waterloo Food Bank. Collection stations will be set up in the usual locations in the church. Our three food drives, which took place in 2019, collected close to 1,000 pounds of food items, and it is hoped our efforts in 2020 will at least match the generosity exhibited last year.





Reel Theology “NORMA RAE” Sally Field plays the role of a factory worker in the 1970's. Due to working conditions she decides to organize workers in the factory and encounters personal consequences. Signup sheet at back for Potluck at 5:30. All are welcome. **Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30.**

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week - a Lenten study **Wednesdays 7 pm to 9 pm** in the Parlour until April 1st. Come take a step by step journey with Amy-Jill Levine through the last days of Jesus. She will shed fresh light on familiar passages in the Gospels and help us to see the passion of Jesus through Jewish eyes. A DVD and Bible Study combined.

SJR Reads Join us **Monday, March 30th at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parlour to discuss 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee. There are multiple copies of this book at KPL and WPL. All are welcome!



Exit Matters We are continuing our series of presentations on **Tuesday, March 31 at 2 pm.** Lawyer Jim Tait covers **LEGAL MATTERS.** What paperwork should we all have in place from an early age so that our wishes are followed. When should we revisit the paperwork to update things like Wills and Powers of Attorney for Health and Property? Should a POA have access to my bank account? Come to learn and to ask questions. All are welcome.

Did you know that there is a box in the back of the Church Library for used Bibles and Daily Devotionals and other 'Spiritual' books that you may no longer want? These books are given to the Christian Salvage Mission for distribution all over the world. Please share the Good News so that others may have the reading material to grow in their faith.



Book Nook: “A Way Other Than Our Own” by Walter Brueggemann. The author's thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace. On display – borrow for 3 weeks.

Special Gifts Allocations: The Special Gifts Committee invites applications for a share of any interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. **The deadline for applying is March 31, 2020.** Please ensure that your application is in writing, is supported by the appropriate church committee, and that you will spend any allocation by the end of 2020. Please send your application to Valerie H at mail@sjruc.ca by the deadline.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Layreader	Anne W
Library	Steve W
Counters	Hong S Don & Anne W
Ushers	Joan K , Nancy E , Bill & Millie W
Gather & Gab	Margaret S
Choir:	Thank you to the many voices that enhance our worship!



IN OUR COMMUNITY:

POSTPONED: Bach St John Passion: Spiritus Ensemble's John Passion scheduled for Sunday, March 22 at Church of St John the Evangelist **HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

Bereaved Families of Ontario Book Sale! Thursday Apr. 16th noon - 8 p.m. Friday Apr. 17th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the gym at The Family Centre, 65 Hanson Avenue, Kitchener, Hardcover \$3, Softcover \$2 Have books to donate? Drop off gently used books at the BFO-MR office on April 14 & 15. During Family Centre hours (We DO NOT accept textbooks, encyclopedias & other reference books, magazines, VHS movies, CDs, DVDs, games, toys, notebooks, calendars).

Gleaners Fundraising Dinner - Friday April 17th. Doors Open 6 pm. Dinner served 6:30 pm @ Waterloo Region Police Association, 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge. Enjoy: Updates from around the world and a full dinner and dessert Tickets: \$35/person or \$280/table of 8, \$350/table of 10. Order Your Tickets Online: www.OntarioGleaners.org (click on Happening Now) or By Phone: 519 624 8245 (Order your tickets by April 1, 2020) An opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Mar. 17 **Reel Theology** 5:30 in the Long Sunday School Room
- Mar. 18 **Nooma Bible Study** – 7 pm in the Parlour
- Mar. 19 **Choir** – 7:30pm in the Rainbow Room
- Mar. 30 **SJR Reads** – 1:30 in the Parlour
- Mar. 30 **UCW Meeting** - 7 pm in Parlour
- Mar. 31 **Exit Matters** – 2 pm in the Rainbow Room
- Mar. 31 **Special Gifts Application Deadline**

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