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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

Love Your  
Neighbour

who doesn't


 Look like you

 Think like you

 Love like you

 Speak like you

 Pray like you

 Vote like you

Love Your Neighbour

No exceptions

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June 7, 2020 – Communion Sunday

## **Welcome!**

*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**

**George Walker's Lyric for Strings**

**Opening Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684**

***Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:***

***Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

**Refrain *O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.* Refrain**



*use our anger  
to melt the swords of hate  
use our tears  
to water thirsty ground  
give us courage  
to love all you create  
come to us  
and turn your/this world around (repeat)*

*our hearts are breaking, our fury shaking  
our souls are tired, our breath is gone  
we cry “how long, Lord... this evil season”  
unending pain, and tears*

## Story Time

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Minute for Mission

Black History in Canada

**Readings from the Scriptures** (NRSV) **Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Anthem

Listen to the Lambs

Reflection

Listen

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

One Love

(Playing for Change)

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion in 3 movements

## Part 1 - Invitation

One: Such a fragile thing  
to hold the mysteries of the universe.  
Such a temporary thing  
to reveal the everlasting.  
Such a forgotten thing  
to remind us of God's treasuring of all of creation.  
May this song be all you need to invite you to the  
table of God. May this song be all you need to share  
in the life of Christ. May this song be all you need to  
welcome you into the Spirit that comforts us in our  
afflictions, and afflicts us when we're comfortable.

### Invitation - As We Gather at Your Table

VU 457

*As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.*

## **Part 2 - Confession**

One: We have found many reasons to exclude.  
We have justified our divisions.  
We cry out...what have we done...

## **Confession – Senzenina**

Trans: ***"What have we done / we shall meet in heaven "***

## **Part 3 - At the Table**

One: At this table, come as you are, to experience the love,  
that we might learn to share with all God's peoples.  
At this table, none are denied.  
At this table, none are forgotten.  
At this table, God call us all.  
In our brokenness we are made one.  
Within this sacrament, we find community.  
In our brokenness, we see God.

## **Sharing the Bread & Cup – All Belong Here**

***When you're not sure who you really are  
When all you feel is the shape of your scars  
And you have more wounds than you can count  
Open your eyes, look all around  
You aren't alone, this is your home Refrain***

Refrain: ***Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
Come and remember you belong here  
All belong here***

***When you don't know how to forgive  
When locked doors seem like the only way to live  
And you've got more questions than you can count  
Open your eyes, look all around  
You aren't alone, this is your home Refrain***

Bridge: ***At this table come as you are  
Broken and bleeding's ok  
At this table eat and be filled  
Come and drink in this grace. Refrain***

## **At the Table contd... Partaking**

One: May this bread, be your daily reminder of God's love.  
May this juice, be the everlasting promise  
of God's peace.

For these are the gifts of God, for the people of God,  
thanks be to God who calls us all beloved,  
and makes room at this table for all.

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

**Closing Hymn**      **Though I May Speak**      VU 372

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

## **Commissioning**

One: God loves us into loving  
and frees us into freedom.

Go – and share this love and freedom with the earth.

## **\* Choral Benediction**

**This is My Wish/Let There be Peace on Earth**      (Voctave)