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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

October 18, 2020 – Give?

Welcome! *Welcome to worship!*
We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please remain seated for all of service.*

*We acknowledge that we are on the
Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the
Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements Prelude Call to Worship

One: What is important in our life? **All: Family, friends, faith, we bring gratitude for all our blessings.** One: What is important in our life?
All: Showing love to the planet, for the created world bears the image of God, calling us to service.

One: What is important in our life?

**All: Each and every thing, each and every person,
is an opportunity to reveal God's love.
Let us worship God, by sharing this love
with all.**

Opening Prayer

One: For many years, we have had the mistaken notion that all the problems of the world can be solved with a few dollar bills.

In Jesus' time the Pharisees came to ask him if they should pay taxes, and Jesus, looking at a silver coin, asked whose face and name were engraved on it. "The Emperor's," they said. "Well then, pay to the Emperor what is his" Jesus replied.

Has God's face ever been on a coin?

All: We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God. Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include, is the only legal currency of the kingdom of heaven.

Opening Hymn When We Are Living VU581

***1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.***

***Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.***

***2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.***

**3 *'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.***

**4 *Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed
them, we belong to God, we belong to God.***

Story Time

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission - Food Drive

Readings from Scripture (CEB) Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. ¹⁷ So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. ²⁰ "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." ²² When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Reflection

Give?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

**Offertory Prayers of the People
and the Lord's Prayer**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Hymn

Go, Make a Diff'ence VU 236

Refrain:

***Go make a dff'rence, we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world***

***We are the salt in the earth,
called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden, but be seen***

Go make a diff'rence in the world Refrain

***We are the hands of Christ,
reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope,
we are the voice of peace***

Go make a difference in the world Refrain

**So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the spirit of Christ will
be with us as we go**

Go make a difference in the world Refrain

Commissioning * Choral Benediction

*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)*

Postlude

Announcements

Mission and Outreach Despite the negative impact of covid-19 our church congregation continues its impressive outreach in support of local charities as well as its generous financial donations for Mission & Service to support of the world-wide work of the United Church of Canada. The Mission & Outreach committee of SJRUC is pleased to announce, that besides recently donating a pickup truckload of useful items to Monica Place, our congregation has generously donated a total of \$1,680 for this very worthy charity.

Food Drive - A special collection evening will take place in the church parking lot on Thursday, October 22nd, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We have already collected cash donations for the Food Bank equaling \$320. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation can do so by placing cash, or a cheque made out to St. James Rosemount United Church, into an appropriate envelope, making sure to indicate the purpose of your donation and your SJRUC envelope number. Cash donations can be mailed to the church, or personally placed into the church mail slot.

Mission and Service Fund Thank you to all those who supported the Turkey Trot! With your generosity, we were able to support the M&S Fund of the United Church by almost \$966. As we're tracking a little lower in our donations for M&S, we are grateful to all the help in ensuring we continue to care for those across our planet.