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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



*A Fireside Chat*

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**November 15, 2020**

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship** *adapted from a prayer by Richard Bott*

One: All that we are

**All: is a gift of God!**

One: All that we have

**All: is a gift of God!**

One: Every breath we take...

every movement we make...

the life in which we partake...

**All: is a gift of God!**

One: And so we gather -

**All: to receive and to give back,**

**to listen and to teach,**

**to remind ourselves that we are stewards**

**of all God's gifts,**

**blessed in the sharing of all talents and treasures!**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia, amen!**

**Opening Prayer** *adapted from a prayer by David Sparks*

One: Loving Creator, we come together in community,  
as one heart and one body.

**All: Knit us together.**

**Let us be bound in love to one another.**

One: We recognize in community that when one of us struggles, all of us struggle.

**All: Knit us together.**

**Let us be bound in love to one another.**

One: We join together this morning with a new desire for understanding those in our midst.

**All: Knit us together.**

**Let us be bound in love to one another.**

One: We come to sing a song of hope.

We come to dance a dance of peace.

We come to share the words of scripture that inspire.

**All: Knit us together.**

**Let us be bound in love to one another.**

One: We are here, together in this space.

Let us be moved to understand the journey of others a little bit better today. Let us be ever mindful of the opportunities that will present themselves to us.

**All: Knit us together.**

**Let us be bound in love to one another. Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161**

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name,

speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;

feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out,

choosing faith in spite of doubt,

hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## Story Time

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### Minute for Mission

#### Readings from the Scriptures (CEV) **Matthew 25:14-30**

<sup>14</sup> The kingdom is also like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned. <sup>15</sup> The man knew what each servant could do. So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant, two thousand to the second, and one thousand to the third. Then he left the country.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as the man had gone, the servant with the five thousand coins used them to earn five thousand more. <sup>17</sup> The servant who had two thousand coins did the same with his money and earned two thousand more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant with one thousand coins dug a hole and hid his master's money in the ground.

<sup>19</sup> Some time later the master of those servants returned. He called them in and asked what they had done with his money. <sup>20</sup> The servant who had been given five thousand coins brought them in with the five thousand that he had earned. He said, "Sir, you gave me five thousand coins, and I have earned five thousand more."

<sup>21</sup> "Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"

<sup>22</sup> Next, the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, "Sir, you gave me two thousand coins, and I have earned two thousand more."

<sup>23</sup> "Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"

<sup>24</sup> The servant who had been given one thousand coins then came in and said, "Sir, I know that you are hard to get along with. You harvest what you don't plant and gather crops where



for the technicians and the janitors and the  
aides and the caregivers, we pray,  
for the researchers and theorists,  
the epidemiologists and investigators,  
for those who are sick,  
and those who are grieving, we pray,  
    remembering especially this morning Norma & the  
    Mosgrove family as they mourn the recent loss of  
    husband, father, grandfather & loyal friend, Jim

for all who are affected,  
all around the world...we pray  
for safety, for health, for wholeness.  
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked and house those without homes;  
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,  
and may we do all that we can to heal the sick-  
in spite of the pandemic,  
in spite of the fear.  
Help us, O God,  
that we might use the gifts you have given to each  
one of us to help each other.  
In the love of the Creator,  
in the name of the Healer,  
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,  
we continue to pray together ...

### **Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

### Closing Hymn I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

VU 575

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)

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### **Commissioning** *adapted from a prayer by Walter Reid*

One: Go out from this place – our virtual space together - and celebrate one of God's greatest gifts, the gift of the Sabbath, the gift of a day of rest.

Honour that gift by putting your worries aside; bury the thoughts and to-do lists or whatever it is that is making you anxious and distracted. Shut off the noise and just rest. Listen for the sweet sound of silence.

Clear your head of the storm of life and allow God's gifts into your day. Go looking for the wonder of God's creation: the birds and the rustling trees, the beautiful sunrise and the starlit skies, the sound of children's laughter, the flutter of falling leaves, and yes, maybe even the crispness of a new fallen snow. Take note of all these things and more as you interact with the world this day and in the days to come.

Give Thanks to God for the gifts of your physical experience. All of these things and more bring you closer to God. You just need to give God your most valuable gift, the time that God has given to you.

So, go! Go and embrace this day of rest, knowing that God is with you, now and always.

Go now, in peace.

**\* 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)*

**Postlude**

**Announcements**

**Edna Rhoda** – Edna is turning 100 on November 23<sup>rd</sup>! But SHHHH...we have a surprise for her. Join us for a drive-by birthday celebration for Edna Rhoda on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:45pm and drive around the block past Edna's house on Chelsea at two. Her son Bob will have her standing in the front window as we drive by. Please consider decorating your car or having signage to wish Edna a happy birthday! We would also like to encourage everyone to send Edna a birthday card. It would be great if she could have 100 cards for her 100th birthday. This is to be a surprise so please don't say anything to her....just come and help celebrate!

**oneRoof** – We continue our collection today in support of oneRoof. We will be collecting needed items (toothbrushes, dixie cups, pump soap/shampoo refills, grocery gift cards) from October 25th until Thursday, November 26th when once again we will be at the church from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM for final donations of items. We hope to obtain significant financial donations in support of oneROOF. Thank you for finding ways of supporting this important service in our community.

**Broadview** Have you considered subscribing to the BROADVIEW? For \$25.00 per year you can receive, 10 issues each year. Broadview is current and topical. Through articles, columns and letters, it provides a forum for people to speak their minds on to-day's issues. Broadview helps us discuss our differences, but also our common ground in Christ. To subscribe please phone Muriel S or contact the church office ([mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)) Send a cheque for \$25.00 to the church, payable to St. James'-Rosemount United Church (Broadview in Memo line).

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Licensed Lay Worship Leader Teresa Carse will lead us in worship. We are grateful for Teresa sharing her gifts with us!

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Advent 1 – Hanging of the Greens service. As you begin to decorate your homes for the holiday season, take pictures and send them to us so that we can include them in our online Hanging of the Greens. Email pictures to [revchris@sjruc.ca](mailto:revchris@sjruc.ca) or [webmaster@sjruc.ca](mailto:webmaster@sjruc.ca) Stay tuned for more information as we plan how to start our journey of Advent.

**Scout Christmas Trees** Yes, we'll be back at our Home Hardware location beginning next Saturday, November 21! This year we will be offering a cashless payment option. Don't be disappointed – come early to get your tree before we sell out!

**Turkey Trot Returns on December 12!** Once again the UCW are partnering with DeliWorks to bring you a complete take-out turkey dinner. **Orders must be placed and paid for in advance.** **Order deadline: Friday, December 4.** Cost: \$20 per meal. For meal, payment option, and pickup time details, visit the Events section of our website (look for the Turkey Trot icon). Order pick on December 12 in the church parking lot. The October Turkey Trot sold out quickly, so get your orders & payment in asap! Proceeds from the Turkey Trot go to the M&S Fund of the United Church of Canada. Thank you for your support!