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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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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 would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

All: Jesus calls us to worship.

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;

All: Jesus calls us to love.

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;

All: Jesus calls us to justice.

One: Let us heed the call of Christ.

All: Let us worship together with joy.

Opening Hymn

We are One

VU402

*1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.*

*We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.*

**2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Opening Prayer *written by David Sparks*

One: Trust in God!

All: God will give us the challenging task, but also the strength to get it done.

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All: God will call us to discipleship, and give us the insight to work out our following of Jesus.

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All: God will show us our role within the faith community, and sensitivity to the needs of those beside us.

One: Trust in God!

All: God will love us "through all the changing scenes of life," and will be there at life's end, to welcome us home. Amen

Hymn Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands VU570

**1 *Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.***

**2 *Take my hands, O Jesus,
let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for you.***

Story Time

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from Scripture (CEB) Jonah 3:1-5,10

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: ² "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." ³ And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh,

according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)⁴ Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!"⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

¹⁰ God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and didn't do it.

(CEB) Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news,¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people."¹⁸ Right away, they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets.²⁰ At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

Song

Jonah was a Prophet

Reflection

Acceptance, Courage, Wisdom

Poem

The Hills we Climb

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Anthem Come and Follow Me

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

You are the God who makes extravagant promises.
We relish your great promises of fidelity and
presence and solidarity, and we exude in them.
Only to find out, always too late,
that your promise always comes in the midst of a
hard, deep call to obedience.
Help us to listen.

You are the God who calls people like us,
and the long list of mothers and fathers before us,
who trusted the promise enough to keep the call.
Help us to listen.

We give you thanks that you are a calling God,
who calls even to dangerous new places.
We pray enough of your grace and mercy among us
that we may be among those who believe your
promises enough to respond to your call.
Help us to listen.

For we know that you listen, to our hearts, and
cries, to our calls and prayers...
For today, we pray for Richard and Tarra battling
covid, for Rick in his journey with cancer, as well as
Debbie, and Charmian, and all those waiting for
results.

We pray for Claire in her journey towards health,
for Helen and Dale, for all those whose names are
upon our lips even when we cannot name them,

you know O God. You hear our needs, even before we express them, and you call us forth into new life. For we pray in the one who embodied your promise and enacted your call, Jesus. Amen.

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
Forever and ever. **Amen**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Hymn Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life VU 681

***1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your words of life again.***

***2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.***

***3 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.***

***4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,***

***and tread the city's streets again,
5 till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.***

Commissioning

One: There is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it. Go and be the light to your own community, to your circle of friends and family. May the blessing of light be yours, and may it bring you peace now and always, Amen.

*** 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

Faith Study We continue with our Faith Study on Wednesday night at 7pm with "You are Never Alone" by Max Lucado. We'll be joining together over Zoom, but instead of publishing the Zoom link, please contact revchris@sjruc.ca to be added to the email list.

Annual Meeting The unified board met last week and we have decided (with United Church approval) that our annual meeting will be deferred til

further notice. More information and Annual Reports will follow in the coming months!

Executive and Unified Board - The Executive and the Unified Board have been meeting regularly over the past few months in spite of the lockdown. At this time we are looking for new Board members to replace those who have served their terms. There is a need, especially during this time of COVID-19, for a strong Unified Board to continue the work of the church. And we need many hands to accomplish this goal. Please prayerfully consider how YOU can help to keep our church vital and relevant. If you think you could serve on a committee or as a committee chair please contact Rev. Chris, Lynda Perkes chair@sjruc.ca or any member of the Board.