
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

I PROMISE TO TEACH
MY BABIES TO LOVE
YOUR BABIES.

PERIOD.



June 13th, 2021 – Celebrating our Children
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome!

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship *written by Katherine Hawker*

One: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

**All: we want to be connected to that which helps us
grow.**

One: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's
creatures,

All: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

One: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this
world's painful questions,

All: we seek God's love together.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Cheryl Lawrie*

One: We don't have to work very hard to see God in a
miracle. It doesn't take a lot of faith to do that.

To see God in everything, that is most difficult!
It takes courage to believe that everything we see
can be enough;

that grace can emerge even through the dull,
the slightly disappointing,
the not quite right, not quite as we intended,
not really what we hoped;
the clumsy, the awkward, and the imperfect.

Let your act of faith be to let what you do, be enough.

Let what you do be enough...

For the light you bring is more than enough.

Opening Hymn This Little Light of Mine VU 436

*This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine/Let it shine/Let it shine*

*Everywhere I go/I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go/I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go/I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine/Let it shine/Let it shine*

*Even when I'm afraid/I'm going to let it shine
Even when I'm afraid /I'm going to let it shine
Even when I'm afraid/I'm going to let it shine*

*This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine/I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine/Let it shine/Let it shine*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Hymn Like a Rock MV92

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet
Like the starry night sky, God is over our heads
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore!*

Readings from Scripture (CEB) Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷ then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. ²⁸ The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. ²⁹ Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

³⁰ He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? ³¹ Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; ³² but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such

large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade.”³³ With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear.³⁴ He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

Song What Do You Do with the Mad that you Feel

Reflection

Song Brave

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Nancy C. Townley*

One: God of small seeds and mighty plants,
you take our lives that sometimes seem small,
and with your love cause them to produce acts of
loving kindness for you in this world.

You help us support others –
give homes of safety that they may rest
in our love, in your love.

Help us to joyfully serve you all our days,
help us grow tall enough in your love that we help
others stand tall too.

And when we’re tall, may we not overshadow those
feeling forgotten, because you care for, and watch
over all of your Earth.

For Jesus told this story of the mustard seed to
remind us that small signs of love grow for all to see,
and so in Jesus’ name we pray:

Lord’s Prayer *(read and prayed slowly together)*

**All: 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

Hymn

Go, Make a Diff'ence

MV 209

Refrain *Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.*

**1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.** Refrain

**2. 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 diff'ence in the world.** Refrain

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

Commissioning

One: Imagine what a mustard seed of faith
might do this week in your life.
Not a cup or a litre or a truckload.
Just a mustard seed. Imagine.
Now imagine what a mustard seed of love

might do this week in your world.
Small enough to make someone smile.
Big enough to remind someone they're not alone.
Now go and live out that faith and love.
It is more than enough to make a difference.

* **Choral Benediction You Shall Go Out with Joy** VU 882

***You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.***

Postlude

Announcements

Upcoming Services

June 20th – Indigenous Day of Prayer and Father's Day

June 27th – Hymn Sing Sunday – **Slight change – send your requests now to revchris@sjruc.ca. We'll do our best to accommodate your requests!**

July and August – Shared Services with local United Churches

July 11th at 10:30am – Join with us on the labyrinth for in-person worship. Bring your masks, lawn chairs, as we socially distance worship together!

Aug 8th at 10:30am – Join with us on the labyrinth for in-person worship. Bring your masks, lawn chairs, as we socially distance worship together!

Responding to the tragedies in Canada – The Executive of SJR is drafting a letter in support of those seeking healing in connection to residential schools. If you wish to make a donation to the Healing fund of the United Church please make your donation to SJR with a note in the memo line “Healing Fund of the UCC.” In mourning and peace we join together. In addition, we stand alongside our sisters and brothers of the Muslim faith, condemning acts of terrorism and Islamophobia. May peace prevail!

Monica Place – Thank you for those who have already dropped off their gifts in support of Monica Place. We have yet to announce our dropoff date, so if you can, please keep your donations at home until we announce a date!

Shared Summer Services - Over the months of July and August, we are partnering with local churches in the area to share services. We will host a wide variety of preachers in order that we can travel the region from the comfort of our couches! We are grateful for all those joining with us together in worship – as we share the faith that unites us! Rev. Chis will be off for the month of August, with Rev. Tim Graham providing pastoral coverage during this time.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (www.slmc.ca): Are you looking for an outdoor day camp in Waterloo Region? Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, a summer camp with 60 years of experience in camp, is running outdoor day camps in Kitchener and Waterloo this summer! Campers can sign up for a week of camp filled with nature exploration, fun crafts and games, spiritual discovery, and opportunities to connect with each other. Qualified Silver Lake staff will lead activities, ensuring that your campers stay safe and have a blast this summer! Payment will only be taken once it's likely camps can run, so you can sign up without penalty if COVID-19 prevents operation. Camps will follow all COVID-19 guidelines. **Ages 5-15.**

\$235+tax. [Visit our website](#) for more information and to register.

Locations: First Mennonite Church, First Hmong Mennonite Church, Waterloo North Mennonite Church.

GOD

OF

PRESENCE & Strength

Help us feel you
here with us...

...when we are
anxious and afraid

WHEN THE *future* FEELS

UNWIELDLY

AND

UNCERTAIN

we know **nothing** is **unknown** TO YOU

WINGS GOD *WINGS*

we know YOU ARE OUR ROCK

AND OUR COMFORT IN TIMES OF

WAVES TROUBLE. *WAVES*

Give us WISDOM and COURAGE...

...to make CHANGES that will help...

THINGS
GET
BETTER.

Amen.