
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



September 19th, 2021

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God stretches out the heavens
and shapes the earth.

All: Come and give thanks!

One: God raises up the mountains
and pours water into the seas.

All: Come and give thanks!

One: God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

All: Come and give thanks!

One: God breathes upon us
and fills us with life.

All: Come lift your voices in praise!

One: God gives our lives meaning
through laughter and tears.

All: Come lift your voices in praise!

One: God touches our hearts
through family and friends.

All: Come lift your voices in praise!

One: God loves us and blesses us
with everything good.

All: Come and worship!

One: God loves us and overwhelms us
with never-ending generosity.

All: Come and worship!

One: God loves us and surrounds us
with love in abundance!

All: Come and worship!

Opening Prayer

All: In amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration
we marvel at this mystery: in you God,
all things live and move and have being,
in all things, you live and move and express your
Divine care; and so we join with creation in the
eternal song of worship... *Silence*
For this is your wondrous world, O God.
Keep our hearts attuned to your wonder.

Lord's Prayer (read/prayed slowly)

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.

Hymn **This is God's Wondrous World** VU296

1 *This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

2 ***This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.***

3 ***This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!***

Reflection "We Give Thanks For The Animals" Gary Kowalski

We give thanks for the animals
Who live close to nature,
Who remind us of the sanctities of birth and death,
Who do not trouble their lives with foreboding or grief,
Who let go each moment as it passes,
And accept each new one as it comes
With serenity and grace.
Enable us to walk in beauty as they do
At one with the turning seasons,
Welcoming the sunrise and at peace with sunset.
And as we hallow the memory of good friends now departed,
Who loved abundantly and in their time were loved,
Who freely gave us their affection and loyalty,
Let us not be anxious for tomorrow
But ask only that kindness and gratitude fill our hearts,
Day by day, into the passing years.

Blessing of the Animals

(Name of animal), may you live a long, happy, and blessed life—may there be food in your belly, a warm place to sleep and joy in your days.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. ³¹ This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." ³² But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him. ³³ They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" ³⁴ They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." ³⁶ Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

Reflection

Hymn **All Things Bright and Beautiful** VU 291

Refrain ***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.***

1 ***Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.***

2 ***The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky;***

3 ***The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.***

- 4 ***The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall;***
- 5 ***God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well.*** Refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

*** Offering Response ***

***We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.***

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***Dedication of the Offering**

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*** Closing Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU509

- 1 ***I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?***

Refrain ***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

- 2 ***I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,***

*I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? Refrain*

3 *I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? Refrain*

*** Commissioning**

One: Go into this world, grateful for the connections we make with creation, learning to love one another and this earth.

*** 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)

*Please remain seated in silence as we conclude
our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

Upcoming Worship:

Sept. 26 Truth and Reconciliation Service - Outdoors

October 3 Worldwide Communion Sunday - We will be sharing Communion - BYOB - Bring your own Bread (and Juice!) Bring something you can eat and drink as we celebrate communion together on the labyrinth.

October 10: Thanksgiving - We are currently planning to be in-building for Thanksgiving worship. Sign-up, masks, and distancing required.

Announcements

Upcoming Outdoor Sunday Worship: September 26th and October 3rd we will be worshipping in-person outdoors on the labyrinth **at 10:30 a.m.** Please bring a lawn chair, mask, (and maybe an umbrella just in case). We will be contact tracing and social distancing while reminding ourselves of the blessings of worshipping with one another. Services will continue to be printed and posted online for those unable to join us in-person.



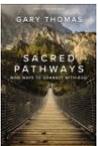
Reopening in October We are making plans to return to worship in the Sanctuary for October 10th. We are basing our decision on the number of cases in our Region, vaccination rates, and the current re-opening plan of Ontario. Thank you to all who filled out the survey! This is your last week to voice your opinion through this survey. This survey is **anonymous** and results will only be shared with our re-opening committee. **Please type this link into your browser to fill out our survey:** <https://forms.gle/hkUSvd5FJz8Nkfb96> Printed copies of the survey are available as well.

Christian Education As we prepare to return to in-church worship, we are planning on Sunday School as well! Plans are being developed for the children to use the Downstairs Sunday School room (formerly the preschool) for an hour-long time together. We are hoping to have children dropped off for 10:20 every Sunday for a story time, worship, and play together. To make this happen, we need volunteers. Children will be playing inside and out, creating crafts, and need caring adults to keep them distanced and safe. If you're willing to help in this way, please contact Mearle (ce@sjruc.ca) or Rev. Chris (revchris@sjruc.ca)



Turkey Trot! The UCW is having a Turkey Trot **Saturday, October 9th** Thanksgiving Weekend. The price of the dinner is \$22. Orders must be in by October 1st. For the announcement and order form go to sjruc.ca

Waterloo Regional Food Bank This September, we are again supporting the Waterloo Regional Food Bank. Food items can be dropped off at church, Sunday mornings. Cash donations can be made by cash, or cheque made out to St. James Rosemount United Church, in an envelope indicating "Food Bank"- mailed to the church or placed into the church mail slot. Thank you for ensuring no one goes hungry in our Region!



Faith Study Sacred Pathways - by Gary Thomas. Many of us today think we must approach God in a certain way. This one-size-fits-all mentality typically leaves us feeling frustrated and distant from God. But the truth is that not every person will engage with God in the same way. Gary Thomas uncovers nine of these spiritual "pathways" that people have used over the centuries to grow closer to God. Join us for this five-week study beginning on Wednesday, September 29th to discover the particular pathway that will best help you to experience God's presence. Please contact Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca to join us via Zoom.