# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



November 7 – Remembrance Day Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

Please remain seated for all of service, as you are able.

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 adapted from a prayer by Gord Waldie

- One: On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,
- All: we remember the past and look to the future.
- One: On this day of hope in the face of terror,
- All: we come before God, praying with all our hearts:
- One: God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
- All: Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.
- One: In this time of story, song, and prayer,
- All: may we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace, entrusted to us by the saints of the past.
- One: May we catch a vision of how the world could live together. And so we echo the old prayers,
- All: Make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us!

Opening Prayer adapted from a prayer by Ann Siddall

One: Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity,

giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

Bless those who are called to reconcile on a largescale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together. Giving all that we have and all that we are, can bring about new life, in your name we pray...

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

#### For all the Saints

VU 705

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might: you were their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

> 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day the saints triumphant rise in bright array: as God to glory calls them all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Hallelujah, hallelujah!

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) **Mark 12: 38-44** <sup>38</sup> As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. <sup>39</sup> They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly." <sup>41</sup> Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. <sup>42</sup> One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. <sup>44</sup> All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

## Reflection

The Symbols on our wreath: POPPIES : wear with pride for the fallen, MAPLE LEAF: the emblem of Canada, ANGEL: earned their wings, BUTTERFLY: free to fly, HEART: a brave heart no longer beats, WHITE CROSS: row on row that mark their place \* Last Post:

- \* One Minute Silence
- \* They Shall Not Grow Old
- One: They shall not grow old as we grow old, age shall not weary them or years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them
- All: We shall remember them.
- \* Reveille/ The Rouse Dave Davidson Bugle
- \* National Anthem O Canada

VU 524

O Canada! Our home and native land! \*True patriot love in all thy sons command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

\* or 'True patriot love in all our lives command.'

\* Anthem

#### In Flanders Fields

(Alexander Tilley)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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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. Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter

Communion Hymn As We Gather at Your Table v1 VU 457

 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn As We Gather at Your Table v2, 3 VU 457

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

### Commissioning

\* 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**

<u>November 14</u> – We are grateful for Teresa Carse, Licensed Lay Worship Leader, for leading our service next week!

**Indoor Worship:** We have returned to indoor services! Registration, masks, & distancing are required. Capacity is limited with a waiting list for cancellations. Register online at <a href="https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9">https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9</a> or on our website: sjruc.ca

- Sign up your "bubble" register as one group & sit together. Phone registration is available through the office.
- There is a separate registration in the link for Sunday School (children will be dropped off at the door near the fenced playground upon arrival). Do not include Sunday School children in the sign up for attending in the Sanctuary.
- If the sign-up list for the Worship Service is full, please sign up on the "Wait List" option. You will hear from the church office as spaces become available.

### Announcements



**<u>Christian Education</u>**: Drop your children off at the door near the fenced playground at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays for story time, worship, crafts, and play (indoor & outdoor). We will be in the downstairs

Sunday School Room (formerly the Preschool). Masks and distancing required. Please pre-register your children online at <u>rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9</u>

We need volunteers to assist with the activity centers (no requirement to teach or know content). If you can help, please contact Mearle M at <u>ce@sjruc.ca</u> or Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca

Unified Board Meeting - Tuesday, Nov 9 at 7pm on Zoom!





**<u>Church Mouse</u>**: We are looking for stories of what kept you busy during the last few months! Take any trips? Try a new hobby? We'd love to hear from you! Please send your submissions to <u>churchmouse@sjruc.ca</u> by November 10.

**Special Gifts Allocations** - The Special Gifts Committee invites applications for a share of any interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The deadline is March 31, 2022. Please ensure that your application is in writing, is supported by the appropriate church committee, and that you indicate that you will spend any allocation by the end of 2022. *Please send your application to Valerie H at mail@sjruc.ca or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.* 



**Faith Study** In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author Amy-Jill Levine guides us through the stories of Zechariah & Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the Magi. Explore connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in Jewish culture, Mary's visitation, the revolutionary

implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, the flight to Egypt. Join us for this 4-week study beginning Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm – 9 pm on zoom. Contact Rev. Chris or sign up on sjruc.ca

<u>OneRoof Youth Services</u> – We're supporting OneRoof Youth Services this Fall, starting today, leading up to a collection in our parking lot on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. As youth homelessness is increasing, OneRoof needs particular items to help their clients: **pens** (don't have to be new, just new to work!) **garbage bins, hardware items: scraps of wood, nuts, bolts, screws, wood nails, nails, sanders, hammers, screwdrivers, cordless drill, brooms, rakes, extension cords, power bars, cellphone chargers, flashlights... (a full wish list is posted by the boxes in the hall).** 

<u>Cleaning out your closets</u>? Downsizing? Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity, completely volunteer operated, which provides clothing, food, medical and educational supplies to the poor in Third World countries. Since Covid, the donations of used clothing and so many other useful items have almost stopped. Can you help? We accept clean clothing in good shape for every age and season, unbreakable housewares, bedding, fabric and sewing supplies, school supplies. We are at 843 Guelph St. in Kitchener - open 12:30 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, please contact Muriel S. For a copy of our "Wish List", email pinn@golden.net

### **OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:**

Jim C Dave D Merle M Lynda P Christine M Evelyn S Keith S Margaret S Grace A Nancy E

