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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**Worship Leader: Teresa Carse, LLWL**

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***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 *adaptation of prayer written by Susan Lukey*

One: To be a church family is a blessing.

**All: To encourage and care for one another is a joy.  
To work together for the common good of all  
people and all of creation is our calling.**

One: Come, let us worship as the body of Christ.

**All: We come as followers of the Way of Jesus, as  
those inspired by the Spirit of God.**

One: We come as one, here and at home, to worship,  
to rejoice in the music and song, to pray.

Opening Prayer

One: Loving God, you who are the centre of all being,  
we begin our worship today with a thankful heart.  
We call to mind the many ways our lives are made  
better just by knowing that your unconditional love  
and acceptance is a part of who we are.

May this time together – in this sanctuary, and at  
home - be guided by your Holy Spirit.

May we be uplifted and strengthened in your love and  
light, so that we may channel that love and light into  
the world.

This we pray in the name of the one who is the light of  
the world, Jesus the Christ.

We continue now, praying the prayer that Jesus  
taught us, saying together ...

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

When Long before Time

VU 248

**1 *When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream...***

**2 *...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.***

**3 *The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song;  
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.***

**4 *Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:  
our God is with us in the world now as then.***

**5 *The Light has returned as it came once before;  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.***

**6 *To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.***

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Minute for Mission

Readings from the Scriptures Hebrews 10:11-25 NRSV

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ[a] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," 13 and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," 17 he also adds, "I will remember[b] their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

### **A Call to Persevere**

19 Therefore, my friends,[c] since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Anthem

**Steal Away**

(arr. Moses Hogan)

***Steal Away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!***

***Steal away, steal away home.***

***I ain't got long to stay here.***

***My Lord calls me***

***He calls me by the thunder;***

***The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.***

***I ain't got long to stay here.***

***Green trees are bending,  
poor sinner stands a-trembling;***

***The trumpet sounds etc.***

***My Lord calls me.***

***He calls me by the lightning;***

***The trumpet sounds etc.***

Reflection

Hymn

When Hands Reach Out

MV136

- 1 When hands reach out and fingers trace  
The beauty of a loved one's face,  
We thank you, God, that love relies  
On gifts of grace not seen with eyes.**
- 2 When fingers spell and signs express  
Our prayer and praise and thankfulness,  
We thank you, God, that hands can sing;  
You bless the silent songs we bring.**
- 3 When broken bodies will not mend,  
We thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.  
In him, our healing can begin:  
He welcomes all the wounded in.**
- 4 And when the ways we learn and grow  
Are not the ways that others know,  
We thank you, God, that we have learned  
Your love's a gift, and never earned.**
- 5 Your Spirit gives us differing ways  
To serve you well and offer praise.  
When all are joined as one, we'll be  
Your able, strong community.**

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

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

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*

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn **May the God of Hope Go with Us** VU 424

**1** *May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

**2** *May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.*

*May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. (Refrain)*

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

### OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

Jim C  
Dave D  
Merle M  
Lynda P  
Peggy S

Keith S  
Kathy B  
Valerie H  
Don & Anne W



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## Upcoming Worship

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**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 <https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9> or on our website: [sjruc.ca](http://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.

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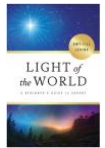
## Announcements

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**Christian Education:** 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 [rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9](https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9) **We need volunteers** to assist with the activity centers (no requirement to teach or know content). If you can help, please speak to Mearle M [ce@sjruc.ca](mailto:ce@sjruc.ca) or Rev. Chris [revchris@sjruc.ca](mailto:revchris@sjruc.ca)

**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 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 Wed. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm – 9 pm on zoom. Contact Rev. Chris or sign up on [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)



**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](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca) or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.*



## The SJR Church Library now has an email address!

E-mail us at : [library@sjruc.ca](mailto:library@sjruc.ca) 😊

**OneRoof Youth Services** – We're supporting OneRoof Youth Services again 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 need to be new, just need 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..** (*full wish list posted by the boxes in hall*).



**Turkey Trot** Christmas is coming so we're planning one more Turkey Trot on Saturday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**! Teaming up with DeliWorks for a take-out dinner in the SJR parking lot. Complete turkey dinner (mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, cranberries, vegetables, & a delicious dessert) ready to heat or freeze. Order extra to freeze for a no fuss Christmas dinner. Pre-orders are limited so order early. **\$22 per meal.** Call Muriel or Ellen or order on-line at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) by Friday, Dec.4<sup>th</sup>. Pay by cheque (made out to SJR UCW); put in an envelope marked "TURKEY TROT" and drop it off at the church. All dinners must be prepaid.

**Cleaning out your closets? Downsizing?** Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity, completely volunteer operated, which provides clothing, food, medical & 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](mailto:pinn@golden.net)

**Let's stay in touch!** We're a church family. The pandemic has limited our social interactions. How are you are doing? Feel free to tell us your news, the good, the bad, and the interesting! Rev. Chris Fickling, [revchris@sjruc.ca](mailto:revchris@sjruc.ca) 519-742-1002 Church office: 519-742-1002 [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)