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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**February 27, 2022 – Transfiguration  
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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## Welcome!

*Welcome to worship!*

### 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

Invitation to Offering

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Dedication of the Offering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Rob Smith*

One: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor  
there is a glory rising born of heaven  
and reaching out to each one of us

**All: a light that shines through the clouds  
an invitation seeking all of who we are  
that transfigures the world**

One: that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross  
where old life ends and new life is born.

**All: In glory Jesus meets us here  
raising us from depths of valley to the height of  
the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity  
to the heights of heavens glory.**

One: Let us worship the one who gave his whole self,  
for the wholeness of the earth.

Opening Prayer *adapted by a prayer by Pamela C. Hawkins*

One: O God, who makes all things new,  
new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts,  
every hardened edge and measured beat,  
and transform them. Help us care and trust again.  
We need your newness, God,  
the rough parts of us made smooth;  
the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed;  
the unkind, forgiven; the broken, whole.

Where life itself has caused our hearts to harden,  
where only ashes remain of something once beautiful,  
may your dreams for us soften and transform us  
so that by the power of your Spirit,  
we might be turned toward Love again. Amen.

Hymn

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

**VU 509**

***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***

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face

changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. <sup>31</sup> They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him. <sup>33</sup> As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe. <sup>35</sup> Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Reflection – Transfiguration

Hymn                      **Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face**                      VU 105

***1 Dust and ashes touch our face,  
mark our failure and our falling.  
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,  
take us as disciples,  
washed and wakened by your calling.***

Refrain ***Take us by the hand and lead us,  
lead us through the desert sands,  
bring us living water,  
Holy Spirit, come.***

***2 Dust and ashes soil our hands -  
greed of market, pride of nation.  
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,  
as we pray and struggle through the meshes  
of oppression.*** Refrain

***3 Dust and ashes choke our tongue  
in the wasteland of depression.  
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow,  
through all gloom and grieving to the paths  
of resurrection.*** Refrain

Reflection – Ashes

Hymn      **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**      VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

Prayers of the People  
Response During Prayers

*Within our darkest night,  
You kindle a fire that never dies away,  
That never dies away...never dies away...*

**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.**

**WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

Anthem      **You Do Not Walk Alone**      (Elaine Hagenberg)

*May you see God's light on the path ahead  
When the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear, Even in your hour of sorrow,  
The gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard may hardness  
never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember when the shadows fall  
You do not walk alone.*

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

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## Announcements

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**Please register for Worship:** Vaccination, masks, & distancing are required. Register at: [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) or [rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9](http://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9) at Sign up your “bubble” & sit together. Phone registration is available through the office. Note the separate registration for Sunday School. If the list for the Worship Service is full, please sign up on the “Wait List”. We will contact you if spaces become available. **We require proof of vaccination to attend.** For those who have chosen to be unvaccinated, please join us online or in print!

**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).

Masks & distancing required. Pre-register your children online at [rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9](http://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9)

Can you volunteer to assist with the activity centers?

If you can help, contact Mearle [ce@sjruc.ca](mailto:ce@sjruc.ca) or Rev.

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**Lenten Faith Study** Our six week Lenten Study for 2022 will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd on Zoom from 7pm to 9pm. In **“Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week”** Amy Jill Levine will take us on a step-by-step journey through the last days of Jesus. She will shed fresh light on familiar passages in the Gospels and help us to see the passion of Jesus through Jewish eyes. Please contact Rev Chris.

**Hold the presses!!** The Library has new DVD's! And they are not only for children! So, hang on tight - you may be taken to Never Never Land (Peter Pan), Cruella and Lucky meet up (101 Dalmatians), eat a forbidden apple (Snow White), enjoy the circus again (Dumbo), have a glass slipper (Cinderella), sing along with Baloo the bear (Jungle Book), and many more! Relive these Disney movies. They will be ready for borrowing Feb 27th. These will only be loaned for 1 week.



**Waterloo Regional Food Bank** During 2022 our church will continue supporting the good work of three, local, charitable organizations: Waterloo Regional Food Bank, Monica Place, and OneRoof Youth Services. Beginning February 27th, and ending Thursday, March 24th, we will undergo our first of three

fundraisers for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank. Boxes will be set up at the usual locations within the church to collect food items. Financial donations will be greatly appreciated during this time span. Make sure all financial donations are in envelopes indicating donor identification & donation destination. Any cheques should be made out to SJRUC with the purpose indicated. A final collection of all items will take place in the church parking lot on Thursday, March 24th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

**To find about SJR church service cancellations due to weather conditions tune into:**

- Church Website: [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca)
- SJRUC Facebook site (search for "St. James'-Rosemount United Church")
- CHYM FM 96.7
- 570 AM News





**World Day of Prayer** The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada ([www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** The program material this year was

prepared by the Churches of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, with the theme, "I Know the Plans I have for You."

There are four ways that you can choose to participate:

- Watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. or 5 p.m.
- Join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion & prayer session hosted by one of the following churches: **St Matthews Lutheran Church** 11 AM ([info@stmattskw.com](mailto:info@stmattskw.com)) or **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church** 7 PM ([office.coordinator@standrewskw.com](mailto:office.coordinator@standrewskw.com)) (*please email the churches directly before March 3<sup>rd</sup>, to get the zoom link.*)
- Attend an in-person service at
  - **St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church** - Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM (or by livestream) ([stgeorgefh@golden.net](mailto:stgeorgefh@golden.net))
  - **St Mark's Catholic Church** – Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM Mass with video following
  - **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church**–Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am
- Go directly to [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org) and view the video at any time; or join a nation-wide Zoom on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM EST (please pre-register for the Zoom)

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***If you know of anyone needing a visit, let Rev. Chris know.***

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