
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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 and Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

All: May we dream of a world made new,

One: Where together we shout for justice,
And as one we fight against oppression.

All: May we dream of a world made new,

One: Where together we seek God's righteousness
And as one we sing God's praise.

All: May we dream of a world made new,

One: Where together we climb God's mountain,
And as one we enter the promised land.

All: May we dream of a world made new,

One: Where together we proclaim the good news of God's
kingdom, and as one we enjoy its peace,
and abundance and love.

Opening Prayer

One: Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call
with faith. Through your Spirit
we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.
Forgive us when we are shackled
by our narrow understandings of discipleship
and our clouded sense of purpose.
Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination
of your empowering love.
Forgive us when we are frightened of the future
or pull back from the demand of your calling.
Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our
past, to acknowledge your grace in the present
moment, and to trust you for our future.

All: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord, that promises new life is possible. For we pray with renewed hope...

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

Joyful, Joyful

VU232

*1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.*

*3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

**4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Revelation 21:1-6**

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

Anthem **Your Love Streams Down On Me** (Rhonda Woodward)

*Your love streams down on me,
it pours as the sunlight through my soul;
Your love streams down, it falls around,
'til waves of glory overflow.*

*Your love streams down on me,
it spills as a gentle cleansing rain;
Your love streams down, it falls around,
and washes over my heart again.*

*For You my Lord have shown to me
there's no greater power than Your love;
Such love which gave its all for me,
Lord, nothing can take me from You.*

*Your love streams down on me,
it flows as a river deep and wide;
Your love streams down, it falls around,
as did the drops from your wounded side.
Your holy love, ever spent for me.*

Reflection

Minute for Mission

Hymn

Through the Heart of Every City

VU584

**1 Through the heart of every city
runs the flow of human need.
'Mid this glass and steel are pulsing
smoldering wick and bruised reed.
Has our church a word to offer,
some hope shining from our creed?
Walking through the concrete furrows
Jesus sows the Word as seed.**

**2 Through the passing generations,
in their spirit, flesh and bone,
Jesus Christ becomes incarnate:
holy hearts are living stone
building here a house of refuge
as a temple, as a home.
So within the city's shadow
Jesus' planted Word has grown.**

**3 Through our worship and our witness,
Jesus, grant that we may still
hear the heartbeat of compassion
calling us to do your will.
You, our vine, and we, your branches,
deadened not by any chill,
working for that final city
where the harvest is fulfilled.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offering Response **We Bring our Gifts to Share**

**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 See a New Heaven

VU713

Refrain *I see a new heaven. I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

**1 There, there on the banks
of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be.** Refrain

**2 There, there where death dies
and our lives are born again
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain.** Refrain

**3 There, there where the darkness
brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love.** Refrain

**4 There, there where we work
with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.** 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

Announcements

Executive Update As a result of our meeting on May 3, registration is no longer necessary to attend Worship. **We are still requiring masks for those able to wear them, and strongly encourage social distancing** even while appreciating how much we want to reconnect as a community. In the pews, we encourage you to continue to sit by a cone. Recognising that everyone is at a different comfort level if you find yourself closer to someone than you're comfortable with, you are welcome to find another spot. If you feel moved to sing, we are still encouraging only humming at this time.

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. Can you volunteer to assist with the activity centers? If so, contact Mearle ce@sjruc.ca.

Next week, May 22 – Join us for an outdoor hymn sing service on the labyrinth. Bring a lawn chair and plan on staying for Gather and Gab following service.

Ukraine: We have raised over \$4000 to date in support of those in Ukraine and we will continue to collect over the next months in support of those affected by war. Thank you for your generosity! For those who would still like to help, please make your donation out to SJR with the note: 'Ukraine'

Living & Dying Mini-series Resumes We are continuing our series started in January over two years ago. Jim Tait, a retired lawyer, will address the **LEGAL PAPERS THAT ALL ADULTS SHOULD HAVE IN PLACE**. Preparing ahead is so important for each person and the families involved. Come and hear Jim's presentation on Wednesday, May 18 at 2 pm. He will also answer questions. We require you to register with the office (mail@sjruc.ca) and if numbers warrant, we will move to one of the large spaces instead of the Rainbow Rm as we want to follow social distancing. All are asked to wear their masks.

Monica Place collection This is the last week to bring in your donations for Monica Place. On Thursday May 19, we will be collecting in the parking lot from 6-730pm the following much needed items: diapers (size newborn to 6), diaper wipes, diaper rash cream, gently used clothing, etc. Thank you for your support!

Spring Fling The women of SJR are having a “Spring Fling” luncheon on Tuesday, June 14th at 11:30am on the Labyrinth. We will be ordering Box Lunches from DeliWorks. Check out the bulletin board by the office for your choices!! Bring a chair and your sun hat and join us for good food and conversation. Please call Muriel or Jan and book your lunch box before June 6th. Put your payment in an envelope marked “SPRING FLING” and drop it off at the church. All Box Lunch must be prepaid.

Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Their goal is to feed and clothe those experiencing poverty. All donations collected go towards feeding and clothing the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. The UCW of St. James’-Rosemount has collected items for CFFC for over 35 years! **We will be collecting items every Saturday in May from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the SJRUC parking lot.**

Items needed for CFFC - Clothing, hats and shoes for all ages (hot and cold weather items), household goods (bedding, towels, curtains etc), School & office supplies (paper), yarn, beads, craft items, medical and hygiene supplies, tools, braces, canes, and all assist items.

What’s So Amazing About Grace? Join us as we continue for this six-session video Bible Study by best-selling author Philip Yancey. We will explore the concept of grace - the one thing the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else. We will explore what grace looks like in action and we will also examine how Christians, as the sole dispensers, are doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy. Please contact Rev. Chris or sign up on the website to be included on the zoom meeting Wednesday nights from 7pm to 9pm

Silver Lake Camp Cleanup In order to prepare for opening, we are hosting a Work Bee at camp (94 Southline Ave, Kinloss, ON N2Z 2X5) on Saturday, May 28th from 9am to 3pm with a complimentary roast beef lunch served midday. All are welcome to join as there are projects for a range of interests and skill: General labour (cleaning, painting, yard work, etc.), Handyperson (fixing windows and doors, installing a shelf, etc.), Tradesperson (electrician, plumbers, contractors, tree removal, etc.)



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