
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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We will follow your lead, O God.

**All: The choice of paths is before us, but you mark out
the faithful one for us.**

One: We will follow your lead, O God.

**All: You show us the compassionate way,
a way different than the world teaches,
and you give us good companions for the journey.**

One: We will follow your lead, O God.

**All: In moments of celebration,
in the testing days,
throughout it all, you are there for us.**

One: We will follow your lead, O God.

**All: For in Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it
means to respond wholeheartedly to your leading.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Anna*

One: may the God who is community
be with us as we seek to be community, united in love.
may God bless our dreams
and may God wake us to the reality that surrounds us.
may God help us to be real
and to find depth in weakness and brokenness
may God help us to face and grow through conflict
rather than pretending by being nice
may we look at each other through soft eyes,
that we might recognize hurt, sorrow, suffering
and learn to respect each other as human beings

may God help us let go of control and the need to fix one another, instead giving us the skills and grace to walk with one another

may God help us discover the need in our own souls to find the echo of need in another, drawing us together

may God open our eyes to the gift of extraordinary love that flows freely into the world, covers a multitude of wrongs, and inspires us to work for justice and peace

For the life of Jesus was a model of this love, and so we pray, using these words, or words more familiar to us, saying...

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

God of the Bible

MV28

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***1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.***

Refrain ***Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.***

***2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.*** Refrain

**3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.** Refrain

**4. Not by your finger, not by your anger,
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.** Refrain

**5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.** Refrain

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Genesis 38** from "Tamar, and the Long Way Around," All the Women of the Bible, by M.L. del Mastro, © Castle Books, 2004.

Reflection

Hymn

We are Pilgrims

VU595

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- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

5 *When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

6 *Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.*

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 **God of Grace and God of Glory** VU686

1 *God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.*

2 *Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.*

**3 Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.**

Commissioning

Anthem Benediction **A Clare Benediction** (John Rutter)

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of God's presence be your guide:
May God guard you and uphold you;
May God's spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep, may God's angels watch over you;
When you wake, may God fill you with his grace:
May you love God and serve him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see God's face.*

*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.*** 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 ask that you do so quietly behind your mask.

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.

Annual Congregational Meeting June 12th at 10:30am.

We will be trying something new for this Annual meeting - combining it with our regular worship service. Please plan to join us for our meeting in the Sanctuary as we both honour the work of 2020 & 2021 and make plans for 2022. During the meeting, the children will be gathering as usual for Sunday School, as they too will be celebrating with their year-end party!

Annual Reports are available at the back of the Sanctuary in the Narthex. We ask that you only take one per household for the time being, until we're sure everyone has one. With the Annual reports are copies of the Financial Statements from 2020. Please take one of these as well, and ensure you bring them both back for our Annual General Meeting on June 12th.

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 Lunch Boxes must be prepaid.

Library Update Brenda is looking at creating an area in the library for "Memories of Olivet." For those that don't know, when the congregation of Olivet United closed, we were lucky that many of them joined us at SJR. Brenda is looking for any memory that they would like to share and have in a section dedicated to Olivet. This can include anything they are willing to part with as example any correspondence, reports, pictures. Please speak to Brenda if you're willing to contribute.

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 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 to be included on the zoom meeting Wednesday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Canadian Food for Children Thanks to all who donated during our Saturday parking lot drop-off this past month! 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! If anyone has further donations please contact Muriel or the church office. *Items needed for CFFC - Clothing, hats & shoes for all ages (hot & cold weather items), household goods (bedding, towels, curtains, etc.), school & office supplies (paper), yarn, beads, craft items, medical & hygiene supplies, tools, braces, canes, and all assist items.*

Prayer in the Park Sunday, June 5th, 1:30-4:30 at Victoria Park, Kitchener, by the Clock Tower. Come with your churches, friends, and neighbours and together let's invite the Kingdom of God to fill and break out in Waterloo Region. An encounter with God changes everything.



If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please add your name to the list in the Narthex, or contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca.

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