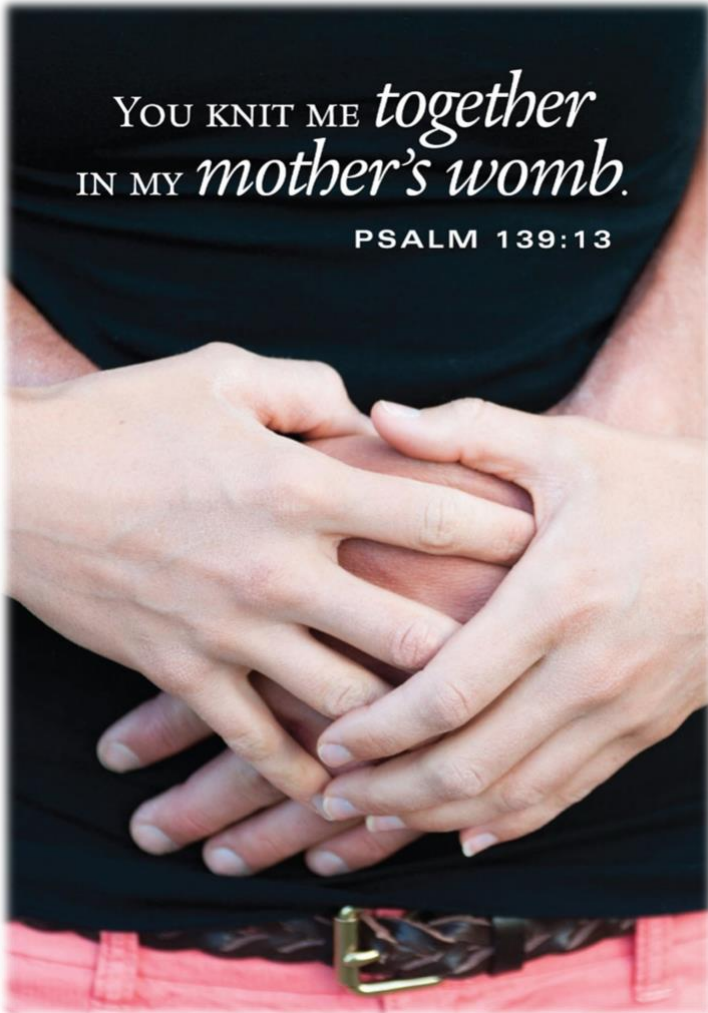

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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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 and Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Come, all you exceptionally and wonderfully made people. Come worship the God who made you.

**All: Each one of us is a wondrous work of God, knit together by God in the womb.
In joy, we come to worship God.**

Opening Prayer

(based on Psalm 139.)

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up.
You understand my thoughts from far away.

All: Slow our tempers and awaken our patience to listen with compassion and respond with forgiveness, remembering the compassion and forgiveness you always extend to us. Open our hearts to the joy and beauty in your creation. Still the rush and chaos in our minds that we may find your peace.

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Strengthen our faith in times of turmoil and anger, that we may be beacons of your abundant grace. Foster our empathy and understanding of others, knowing them as your children as well.

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
No matter where I go, your hand shall lead me and hold me close.

All: Guide us as we journey day by day. Help us to follow your teachings amidst the challenges of our world. Feed our souls with your love, so that we are nourished with hope and sustained in all times.

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart, Lead me in your way everlasting.

Words of Assurance

One: "Where can we go from your spirit, O God, where can we escape from your presence?" asks the Psalmist David.

All: God's presence is always with us and, in that presence, we have nothing to fear. Thanks be to God for such loving, forgiving, eternal presence. Amen.

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 **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** VU 670

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 139

Reflection

Hymn **I Sing the Mighty Power** VU 231
(Tune VU 530)

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 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** VU 288

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

Summer at SJR: We will be meeting here at SJR for in-person worship every Sunday morning at **10:30 a.m.** all summer. While Rev. Chris is taking a sabbatical from ministry, we're excited to have these individuals sharing in worship with us!



August - Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

(Emergency pastoral care: Rev. Tim Graham, Calvary 226-218-3322)

7th – Teresa Carse

14th, 21st, 28th – Karen Cartmell

September - Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

(Emergency pastoral care: Rev. Andrea Allan, Westminster 519-301-7864)

4th – Rev. Marilyn Burnard

11th, 18th – Karen Cartmell

25th – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

Rev. Roz Vincent-Haven is the pastoral charge supervisor available for any meetings necessary during Rev. Chris' absence.

The SJRUC Office will be staffed intermittently - email will be monitored regularly.