
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell, LLWL, MTS

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 *(posted on the United Church of Christ webpage)*

One: Call all the laborers, O God,

**All: Call your laborers who woke early,
Call your laborers who came late,
Call your laborers who feel wronged,
Call your laborers who feel overlooked,
Call your laborers who can't feed their children
with this wage,
Call your laborers who know they are working in
your fields,
Call your laborers who use their wage to increase
your love.**

One: Call all the laborers, O God,

**All: Tell us to roll up our sleeves
For we know that we have work to do.
Let us find you in the work we share here and
now, in Christ's presence we pray. Amen.**

One: We come ready to hear God's call in our lives

Opening Hymn **Small Things Count** VU 361

Opening Prayer

One: Gracious God, in whom we live and move and have
our being

All: As we gather here today

One: May we be open to your holy presence.

**All: This is the time. This is the place. For us to
remember that we meet you, God of all creation,
in all times, all places, and all people.**

One: Help us to catch the wisdom in the stories we hear in
Scripture

**All: And allow that wisdom to shape us and be like
You. Amen**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Contemporary Reading: "All of Grace" *by Andrew King*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Preparation (*adapted from by Joy Cowan, Gathering, L/E 2021 pg 31*)

**All: Gracious God,
You are our sacred space within a swirling storm;
You are our source of calm amidst the chaos.
Help us become more aware
Of your constant, gentle presence.
We ask for your strength to sustain us,
Your love to replenish us,
And your peace to fulfill us.
In this hour of worship
In this time of reading your Word
May we be reminded and reassured
That we are truly yours. Amen**

Scripture Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

Music for Reflection

Reflection: **Grapes and Vineyards**

Hymn **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

VU 357

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 & The Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** VU 382

Benediction and Commissioning

**All: May the sun bring you new energy by day
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries
May the breeze blow new strength into your being
May you walk gently through the world, and know
its beauty, all the days of your life**

One: And now, go out into the world in the words of God's keeping:

May the grace of Jesus Christ

And the love of God

And the fellowship and communion of the holy Spirit

Be with you, and all whom you love,

This day and always. Amen

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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A Special "Thank You" to Kaelyn Pereira, our guest organist this morning!



Looking ahead at SJR: While Rev. Chris is taking a sabbatical from ministry, we're excited to have these individuals sharing in worship with us!

August 28th Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. – Karen Cartmell

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

September Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

4th – Rev. Marilyn Burnard

11th, 18th – Karen Cartmell

25th – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

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

The SJRUC Office will be staffed intermittently until September.