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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



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**January 15, 2023 – Getting to Know You  
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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**Welcome to worship!**  
***We're glad you're here!***

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE**

**VU: Voices United**

**MV: More Voices**

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

*We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge their care of the land and give our thanks for their conservancy.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

**Arioso**

*(J.S. Bach)*

\* Opening Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

VU 315

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Joan Stott based on Psalm 40*

One: O God, you called us by name to come,  
and we respond with delight and gladness

**All: In joyful obedience,  
we come to worship our God.**

One: Rising out of the depths of despair,  
we gratefully gather for worship.

**All: In joyful hope,  
we come to worship our loving God.**

One: Our God had given us a new song  
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

**All: In joyful trust,  
we come to worship our God. Amen.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a Richard J. Fairchild*

One: God of all our moments, of our days and our nights,  
you speak and you act in the world around us, not only  
to call all people to you, but also to direct and guide us  
in the way of healing and wholeness. Awaken us Lord,  
to hear what you would say to us. Help us to open our  
ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence. Help  
us to know when it is your voice we are hearing, and it

when it is our prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed.... Lord hear our prayer...

God of new life, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment in answer to your call, that your people may be instruments of your grace and love.... Lord hear our prayer... as we pray the words of Jesus...

**Lord's Prayer** (*read and prayed slowly together*)

**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.**

Story Time

Hymn                      **Will You Come and Follow Me**                      VU 567

*Youth and Children are invited to head out to Sunday School!*

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

Readings from the Scriptures (Common English Bible) John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' <sup>31</sup> Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." <sup>32</sup> John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him." <sup>33</sup> Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son." <sup>35</sup> The next day John

was standing again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!"<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*). <sup>42</sup> He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

**Anthem You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord Jesus** (arr. L. Shackley)

*You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my All in All.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless your name,  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, you pick me up,  
When I am dry you fill my cup,  
You are my All in All.*

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son.  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

Reflection

What Are You Looking For?

Hymn

**A Light is Gleaming**

VU 82

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)



\* Offering Response

***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.***

*Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*

\*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

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

\* Closing Hymn

**Send Me, Lord**

VU 572

\* Commissioning

\* Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace** *(Written by Besig & Price 1988)*

***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.***

*Please remain seated in silence as  
we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

Voluntary in D major

*(Marc Antoine Charpenier)*

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***Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available  
in the Narthex for you to take home or share.***



*We extend a heartfelt welcome  
to our visitors and to members of  
Christ the King United Church  
as you gather with us today to worship!*

### For Your Calendar:

- Jan. 18 Faith Study "How Happiness Happens" 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- Jan. 19 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- Jan. 22 Concert with Simone Lemieux and Roland Kessler 1pm
- Jan. 22 Decommissioning Service of Christ the King, 2pm  
167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener
- Jan 29 Celebration of New Ministry during Worship
- Jan 30 UCW Meeting "Getting to Know Carol" - 7 pm in the Parlour
- Feb 5 Annual Meeting during Worship Service
- Feb 12 **\*new date!\*** Gather Gab & Mingle after the service!

*Check the bulletin boards and visit [www.sjruc.ca](http://www.sjruc.ca) for upcoming events.*

### SJRUC Current Covid Measures

*SJR follows Ontario Public Health guidelines: practice good hand hygiene, distance yourself from others if you choose, stay home if you are sick, and stay up to date on vaccinations. If you feel you are seated too close to someone, please feel free to find another spot. We are also strongly recommend wearing a mask at this time.*

### In Our Church



**'Stars to See': A Voice & Piano Concert: *January 22<sup>nd</sup>***  
**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the SJR Sanctuary.** Our choral scholars

Simone and Roland are excited to share an afternoon musical offering of song and piano, featuring works by Lapierre (premiere), Rodgers and Beethoven. They will be joined by pianist and friend Henry Kelsey. Free-will offering, with a portion of proceeds donated to the Mission & Service Fund.

**Directory Updates** – this is the last week to verify your information in the large print directories in the narthex. Indicate any necessary changes or notify the office: [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca) (Please leave these directories on the table.)

**Gather, Gab & Mingle** is looking for new volunteers! If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office at: [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)



**UCW Meeting:** **Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.** meeting in the Parlour: **"Getting to Know Carol."** Everyone welcome!

**Donation Envelopes:** If you would like envelopes, please contact the office [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca) or 519-742-1002.

**Unified Board Search:** The Board is searching for new members and several committee chairs to begin on the Board effective at our Feb. annual meeting. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve!

**Annual General Meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup>** Annual Reports will be available January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all who submitted reports. Some reports are still outstanding and need to be submitted ASAP to be included in the Annual Report: [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)

**Faith Study "How Happiness Happens"** is a six-week video study with Max Lucado that continues on **Wed., January 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parlour. Join us in the afternoon from 1 to 3 pm OR in the evening from 7 to 9 pm.** In this study Max shares the unexpected path to a lasting happiness, one that produces reliable joy amidst any life circumstance. Based on the teachings of Jesus and backed by modern research, this study presents a surprising but practical way of living that will change you from the inside out. If you are interested in joining us please contact the church office at [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca)



**OneRoof Update:** Our fundraiser officially ended Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to additional items collected on White Gift Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> we delivered a pickup truck overflowing with clothing & hygiene items. SJR will also be made a financial donation of \$1375 to OneRoof. The people working at OneRoof were overjoyed by the amount and quality of our donations. The generosity exhibited by our SJRUC congregation in supporting this latest fundraiser was beyond expectations. ***Thank you!***

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- Church Website: [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) (under Announcements)
- Church LED Sign
- CHYM FM 96.7
- 570 AM News





# Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

*Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*



How \_\_\_\_\_ to me are your \_\_\_\_\_, God!

$13+10$   $12+6$



How \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them!

$8+11$   $10+3$



Were I to \_\_\_\_\_ them,

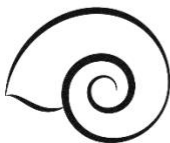
$15+6$

they would \_\_\_\_\_ the grains of \_\_\_\_\_

$3+12$   $4+18$

when I \_\_\_\_\_, I am still with you.

$13+4$



**PSALM 139:17-18, NIV**



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake