
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



**January 22, 2023 – Getting to Know You
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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

Adagio in A-flat

(Felix Mendelssohn)

* Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance

VU 337

Call to Worship

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**All: We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**All: we accept the invitation to follow Jesus,
to worship and praise God.**

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

All: we proclaim the God of Hope.

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

All: we proclaim the God of Love.

One: Come, let us worship together and share our witness
of God's living presence in the world.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay*

One: Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us
and the ways you connect us as a community. Make
us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love
in the world. For we are made in the divine image. We
are made in equal in love, though some are tempted to

consider themselves more highly than they ought, and others more lowly than they should. You love us, and seek us out. We seek you to follow your invitation to love. As we pray these words in the prayer 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

like a child

VU 366

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (Common English Bible) Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: ¹⁵*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,* ¹⁶*the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.* ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" ¹⁸As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ²⁰Right away, they left their nets and followed

him. ²¹ Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and ²² immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Anthem

Because He Lives

(arr. J. Schrader)

*God sent his son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know, he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy they give;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know, he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

Reflection

Change Your Hearts

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

VU 562

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.***

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*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** VU 626

* 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 Allegro *(Johann Gottfried Walther)*

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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. 22 Concert with Simone Lemieux and Roland Kessler **12:30 pm**
- Jan. 22 Decommissioning Service of Christ the King, 2 pm
167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener
- Jan. 25 Faith Study “How Happiness Happens” 1 pm or 7 pm, Parlour
- Jan. 26 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- 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 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: Today! **January 22nd, 12:30 - 1:30 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting February 5th at 10:30am.

After last year's successful Annual Meeting we will again be combining it with our regular worship service on **February 5th at 10:30 a.m.** Please plan to join us for our meeting in the Sanctuary as we honour the work of 2022 and make plans for 2023. During the meeting, the children will be gathering as usual for Sunday School. While we will be live-streaming the meeting, participation is limited to those attending in-person.

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. Please ensure you bring them back for our Annual General Meeting on February 5th.

Gather, Gab & Mingle is looking for new volunteers! If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office.



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 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!



Faith Study "How Happiness Happens" is a six-week video study with Max Lucado that continues on **Wed., January 18th 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 office at mail@sjruc.ca

OneRoof Update: Our fundraiser officially ended Thursday, Dec. 8th. Thanks to additional items collected on White Gift Sunday, Dec. 4th 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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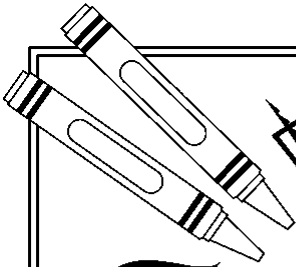
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An email will be sent out to notify the congregation of any cancellations of SJRUC Services & Events due to weather conditions. You can also find out about by checking:

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





PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____

2. Opposite of hate: _____

3. Opposite of yes: _____

4. Three minus two: _____

5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____

7. Opposite of up: _____

8. Opposite of death: _____

9. Best buds: _____

“ _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one’s _____ for one’s _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV