
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



January 29, 2023 – Celebrating our Ministry Together
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

Meditation

(Jules Massenet)

* Opening Hymn **Your Hand, O God, Has Guided** VU 274

Call to Worship *based on the words of Isaiah 43*

One: God – the one who created us and shaped us –
who has inspired love to grow in our hearts,
reassures and promises us:

**All: Do not be afraid, for I will protect you.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I am with you;
when you pass through the streams,
they will not overwhelm you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not harm you...
You are precious and special in my sight,
and I love you...**

One: This is what the Lord says:

**All: Look, I am about to do something new.
Now it begins to happen! Do you not recognize it?
Yes, I will make a road in the wilderness
and paths in the wastelands.**

One: With hearts grateful, trusting in the God who has guided
us to this moment, let us worship together.

Statement of Purpose – Beginning our Journey Together

We Are The Church

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Refrain: *I am the church! You are the church!*

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

1. *The church is not a building;*

the church is not a steeple;

the church is not a resting place;

*the church is a people. **Refrain***

2. *We're many kinds of people,*

with many kinds of faces,

all different dreams and ages, too

*from all times and places. **Refrain***

3. *And when the people gather,*

there's singing and there's praying;

there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,

*all of it saying: **Refrain***

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Faith – A New Creed

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (New Living Translation) Matthew 5:1-12

¹ One day as Jesus saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them. ³ “God blesses those who are poor (in spirit) and realize their need, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ⁴ God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. ⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. ⁹ God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹ “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Anthem

The Beatitudes

(Richard Shephard)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

*Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted,
for the sake of righteousness.*

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven, of heaven.

Reflection

God blesses...

Hymn

In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

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

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.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **We Shall Go Out with Hope** VU 586

* 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 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (John Carter)

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*Please join us in the Rainbow Room after this
service for cake and refreshments to celebrate the
amalgamation of Christ the King United Church and
St. James'~Rosemount United Church!*

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

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***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. 30 UCW Meeting "Getting to Know Carol" - 7 pm in the Parlour
- ☐ Feb. 1 Faith Study "How Happiness Happens" 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- ☐ Feb. 2 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- ☐ 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

Gather, Gab & Mingle is looking for new volunteers! If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002.



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

Donation Envelopes: to request envelopes please contact the SJRUC office: mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002.

Board Members: Mailbox numbers have been reassigned for 2023. Outgoing board members please empty your mailboxes and return your keys. Keys can be placed in mailbox # 3 in an envelope with your name on it.

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 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.

Faith Study "How Happiness Happens" is a six-week video study with Max Lucado that continues on ***Wed., Feb. 1st 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

Inclement Weather Notification: An email will be sent out to notify the congregation of any cancellations of SJRUC events due to weather conditions. You can also find out about by checking:

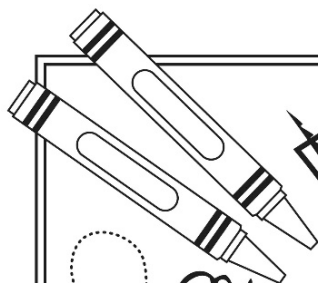
- Church Website: sjruc.ca (under Announcements)
- Church LED Sign
- CHYM FM 96.7
- 570 AM News



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If you are know of anyone needing a visit, let Rev. Chris know.



PUZZLE



BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **POOR**
IN SPIRIT

hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled."

2. "Happy are those who



pure in heart, for they will see God."

3. "Happy are the _____

peacemakers, for they will be called
the children of God."

4. "Happy are those who

persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

5. "Happy are the

poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven."

6. "Happy are the _____



merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

7. "Happy are the

meek, for they will inherit the earth."

8. "Happy are those who are

mourn, for they will be comforted."