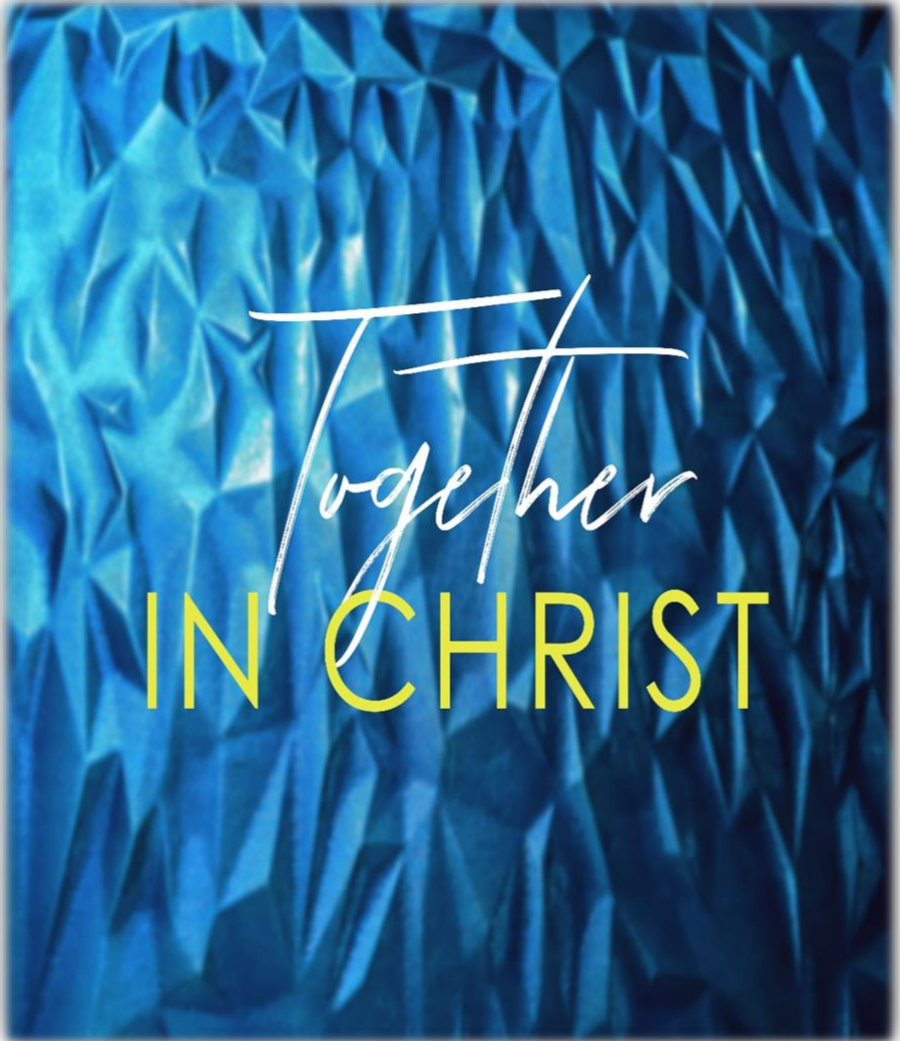

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



February 5, 2023 – Annual Meeting
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

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

Browser link to digital copy of the annual report:-
tinyurl.com/2022Rpt or scan QR code with your
cellphone or tablet's camera or QR code reader:



Prelude

Give Me Jesus

(Mark Hayes)

Call to Worship

One: God who saw us through last year,
and all of the years prior, we thank you,

All: for leadership and love, for forgiveness and grace.

One: God who fills this very moment with hope,
and reminds us of our purpose in this place,
we thank you,

All: for bringing the light to shine into our despair.

One: God who dreams of a future unwritten, give us a new
vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power;
and then, give us a new vision of what you would have
us do as your church in this congregation at this time,
for we thank you,

**All: for compelling us to dream with you,
a world made new.**

Opening of Annual Meeting – Call to Order
Nominations – Chair and Secretary for Meeting

Mission Statement and Opening Prayer

One: We, the community of faith known as St. James'-Rosemount United Church, believe that God is the central focus and motivating force in our lives together. Our mission is to share in ministry in an atmosphere of equality. We are called upon to acknowledge and proclaim our faith, to trust in God's goodness and grace, to share our gifts, to act with integrity, and to teach others the Good News as revealed in the life of Jesus Christ...so let us pray...

Opening prayer...

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

Worship the Lord v1-3, 5

VU401

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Motions (Voting, Agenda, Adjournment)

Approval of Minutes - 67th Annual Meeting held June 12, 2022
Business Arising from Annual Meeting

Scripture Reading (CEV, adapted) Galatians 3:28-29

²⁸ Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, regardless of race, personhood, status, or gender. (Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal).

²⁹ So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised.

Sharing our Joys from last year (highlights from reports)

Motion to approve reports as printed in Annual Report

Congregational Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Prayer of Gratitude

Anthem

We Are One, Lord

(arr. Stan Pethe)

*We are one, Lord, united in your spirit,
we are one, Lord, surrounded by your love,
we are one, Lord, one of heart and soul;
gathered as your children, we are one.*

*We are free, Lord, free to serve each other,
we are filled, Lord, our grateful voice we raise
to your name, Lord, as you sustain us now.
Gathered as your children, we are one.*

*Though we come from many places, we share amazing grace;
though we be of different ages, we share one voice of praise.*

*Though our talents, Lord, may vary,
it's the message that we carry,
that binds us all together in this place.*

*We are one, Lord, united in your spirit,
we are one, Lord, surrounded by your love,
we are one, Lord, one of heart and soul;
gathered as your children, we are one.*

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.***

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

Offering our Thanks

Review of 2022 Financial Statements

Motion to Approve the 2022 Financial Statement

Operating Fund - Budget 2023

Motion to Accept 2023 Operating Fund Budget

Mission and Service Commitment for 2023

Prayer of Gratitude

Executive Committee Report

Nominations from the Floor

Motion to accept those elected to the Unified Board of SJR

Chairperson’s Comments

Minister’s Comments

Other Business

Motion to empower the Executive and Unified Board

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

God is Here

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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 **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** *(arr. John Carter)*

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***Don't forget to pick up your 2022 Tax Receipts
located in the Narthex.***

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The flowers in the church today
have been placed in memory of
Diane Mountain, loving daughter of
Norma & her late husband Jim.

For Your Calendar:

- Feb. 8 Faith Study “How Happiness Happens” 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- Feb. 9 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- Feb. 12 Gather Gab & Mingle after the service!
- Feb. 13 Dance & Dust! 10 a.m.–noon - bring your cleaning supplies
- Feb. 22 Faith Study on Simon Peter: 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- Feb. 24 Confirmation 5-6:30 pm
- Feb. 26 24th Kitchener Scouting Baden Powell Service
- Feb. 27 UCW Meeting - 7 pm in the Parlour

Check the bulletin boards and visit www.sjruc.ca for upcoming events.

SJROC 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



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.



“Dance & Dust” Monday, February 13th, 10 am - 12 pm

Show up, sign in and give a “Love Gift” to SJR! Join us as we dance and dust our way around the Sanctuary and Narthex. Please bring your own duster, mop, pail, and cleaning supplies. Dancing music provided!

Forty Days - Forty Items Wednesday, February 22nd is the first day of Lent. **We have a challenge for you!** Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or drawers that you no longer wear or need and put it into this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, on Palm Sunday, please bring your bag to the church. We will deliver these items to Canadian Food for Children to help people in Canada and around the world. For more information contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca. Thanks for giving up something for Lent!

Unified Board Search: The Board is still 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 An ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call... He was not rich or educated but was familiar with hard work. He was quick tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher yet struggled with doubt and fear. Join us in this six-week journey and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of **Simon Peter**. We will meet in the Parlour **from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm** for six weeks beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd**. This is our Lenten Study for 2023. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the office at mail@sjruc.ca



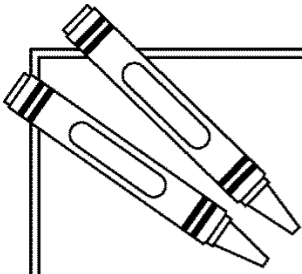
The Cellar Library Don't forget about The Cellar Library in the Rose Room! We've received quite a number of generous donations of books and will be stocking the shelves throughout the year. Purchase your next read for **only 25¢!** Feel free to also donate to this library any good reads you no longer wish to keep. The funds help our support our SJR church library.

Broadview Subscriptions: February is the month to renew your subscription for 2023. This magazine is a definite window on our faith community, across Canada. I invite you to try a subscription! The cost remains \$25.00 per year through SJRUC because we have a "group rate." I welcome new subscribers! Please contact me in person or by email regarding your subscription: the office at mail@sjruc.ca

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



Just for **KIDS**

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

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Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."