
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Feb 12, 2023 – You are God's house
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 **'Andante' from Voluntary V** *(John Stanley)*

* Opening Hymn **God is Here** VU 389

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi*

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

All: We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

One: **We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**All: The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world,
as we grow in grace and knowledge.

**All: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.
Let us join together to worship and follow Jesus.**

Opening Prayer

One: Eternal God, we thank you for calling us by name,
and bringing us here to worship. In you we live and
move and grow. We pray for growth to spread through
us, through your church, and throughout your earth.
Encourage us to recognize our common foundation.
Growing together in faith and in love, nurture and

strengthen us, and allow us to reach to our highest heights. Build us together in Christ. Make us your dwelling place.

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

Small Things Count

VU 361

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (The Message) 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹⁻⁴ But for right now, friends, I'm completely frustrated by your unspiritual dealings with each other and with God. You're acting like infants in relation to Christ, capable of nothing much more than nursing at the breast. Well, then, I'll nurse you since you don't seem capable of anything more. As long as you grab for what makes you feel good or makes you look important, are you really much different than a babe at the breast, content only when everything's going your way? When one of you says, "I'm on Paul's side," and another says, "I'm for Apollos," aren't you being totally childish?

⁵⁻⁹ Who do you think Paul is, anyway? Or Apollos, for that matter? Servants, both of us—servants who waited on you as you gradually learned to entrust your lives to our mutual Master. We each carried out our servant assignment. I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but *God* made you grow. It's not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process but God, who makes

things grow. Planting and watering are menial servant jobs at minimum wages. What makes them worth doing is the God we are serving. You happen to be God's field in which we are working. ⁹ Or, to put it another way, you are God's house.

Reflection You are God's house

Hymn **Deep in our Hearts** MV154

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***Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.***

***Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.***

***Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.***

***Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)



Offertory **Prelude in E** (Alexander Scriabin)

* 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

During Prayers 'Ave Maria' from Suor Angelica (G. Puccini)

*Ave Maria, piena di grazia, il Signore è teco,
Tu sei benedetta fra le donne,
benedetto il frutto del ventre tuo, Gesù.*

*Santa Maria, prega per noi peccatori,
ora e nell'ora della nostra morte. E così sia.*

Translation:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee,
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Pray for those of us who are sinners,
in the hour of our death.*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **For the Healing of the Nations** VU 678

* 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 **Fugue in C** (G. F. Handel)

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

Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!
Come and enjoy some refreshments together
in the Rainbow Room after the service!



For Your Calendar:

- Feb. 12 Gather Gab & Mingle after the service!
- Feb. 13 Dance & Dust! 10 a.m.–noon - bring your cleaning supplies
- Feb. 15 Faith Study “How Happiness Happens” 1pm or 7pm – Parlour
- Feb. 16 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm – Sanctuary
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.

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



“Dance & Dust” TOMORROW, Monday, February 13th, 10 am - 12 pm. Show up and give a “Love Gift” to SJR! Join us as we dance and dust our way through the Sanctuary and Narthex. Please bring your own duster, mop, pail, & cleaning supplies. Dancing music provided!

Board Members: Mailbox numbers have been reassigned for 2023. Outgoing board members please empty your mailboxes. Return keys to mailbox # 3 in an envelope with your name on it.

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!

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

Christ the King is holding our free yard sale, Sharing Place, at 167 Thaler Ave, on Friday, March 3, 1 pm-4 pm and Saturday, March 4, 9am-noon. *We would appreciate any help setting up on the Wednesday & Thursday before, during the event and putting away after.* Please contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca

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 contact the church office: 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. Proceeds help our support our SJR church library.

Suor Angelica Grand River Opera presents Puccini's classic opera. Join us for tuneful music & emotional storytelling: the heart-wrenching tale of a young noblewoman forced to take the veil after bearing a child out of wedlock. With soaring melodies and emotionally affecting lyrics, Suor Angelica's tragic story explores the complicated issues of grief & motherhood. Directed by Renee Salewski, conducted by Rachel Cleland, with Jennifer Carter in the title role, mezzo-soprano Laura Pudwell, and a cast of talented local singers. Presented with piano, in Italian with English translations provided. **March 3, 4, 5**. See bulletin board for more info.: Tickets via Eventbrite - scan QR Code or browse to: www.eventbrite.com/e/suor-angelica-by-puccini-tickets-500855942607



2023 World Day of Prayer Services – Kitchener

Friday, March 3rd



The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener on Friday, March 3rd, 2023**. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Taiwan, with the theme, "I Have Heard About Your Faith"

Due to the continuing concerns with Covid, we have both digital and in-person service options. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) has prepared a 55 min. video for our use.

There are four ways to participate:

Watch the video on Rogers Cable Channel 20 on Friday, March 3rd, at 8:30 AM or 5 PM (still to be confirmed)

or

Join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion & prayer session hosted by **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church** 7 PM (email office.coordinator@standrewskw.com before March 2nd, to get the zoom link)

or

Attend the in-person service at **St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church** - Friday, March 3rd, 10 AM (or by livestream) (stgeorgefh@outlook.com) assisted by St. Matthews Lutheran, St. Anne's Catholic, St. Andrews Presbyterian, & other churches.

or

Go to www.wicc.org and view the video at any time or join the **NATIONAL online** WDP 2023 service on Saturday, March 4th at 1 pm EST. Breakout rooms before and after the service will give us a chance to "catch up", talk & share thoughts. To join this service, and receive the Zoom link, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/national-world-day-of-prayer-2023-virtual-service-tickets-517837414647>

Donations should be made directly to WICC on their website or mailed to:

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