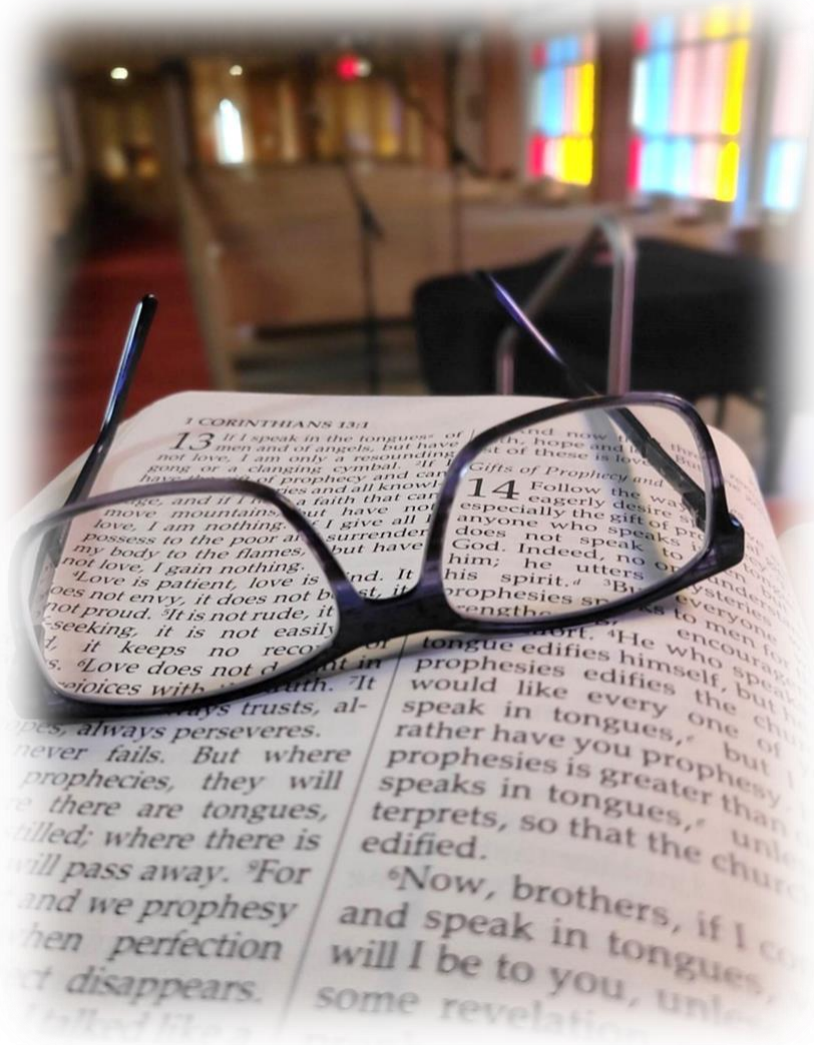

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Feb 19, 2023 – Transfiguration
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

Be Thou My Vision

(arr. Hal H. Hopson)

* Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Roddy Hamilton*

One: Not all is as it seems:

there is a glory hidden in everything

waiting to be revealed

to the eyes of those who believe

beyond what seems inevitable

who do not want to live in the status quo

but in the promises of God.

**All: Be our vision, our wisdom, as we look to ourselves
and our world, as we worship together as one.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Gord*

One: God of grace, sometimes discipleship is so difficult.

We see you standing in front of us and we look for

glory. Then you tell us to expect heartbreak and

challenge. We get a glimpse of your glory, and we are

confused, frightened, unsure what to do or say. God

of grace, made known in Jesus the Christ, in the

challenge and in the glory you call us to look toward

you, to see you in the faces of those we meet, to hear

you in the heartbeats we all share. Grant us the grace

and wisdom to watch, to listen, to follow, to learn and

grow, and, in the end, to possibly understand, as we

join you on The Way...

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 **Open the Eyes of My Heart** (*Paul Baloche*)
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*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you*

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (Contemporary English Version) Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later Jesus took Peter and the brothers James and John with him. They went up on a very high mountain where they could be alone. ² There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. His face was shining like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ All at once Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus. ⁴ So Peter said to him, "Lord, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a bright cloud passed over them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he says!" ⁶ When the disciples heard the voice, they were so afraid they fell flat on the ground. ⁷ But Jesus came

over and touched them. He said, "Get up and don't be afraid!" ⁸ When they opened their eyes, they saw only Jesus. ⁹ On their way down from the mountain, Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had been raised from death.

Anthem

Hymn to Freedom

(Oscar Peterson)

*When every heart joins every heart
And together yearns for liberty
That's when we'll be free
When every hand joins every hand
And together molds our destiny
That's when we'll be free
Any hour any day, the time soon will come
When men will live in dignity
That's when we'll be free, we will be
When every man joins in our song
And together singing harmony
That's when we'll be free*

Reflection

When they opened their eyes

Hymn

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word VU 84

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)



Offertory

Song Without Words (Moritz Moszkowski)

* 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 *from Reaching for Rainbows* Ann Weems
Response **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

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*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** VU 575

* 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 **Glory Be to Jesus** (*Kristina Langlois*)

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

For Your Calendar:

- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm – Sanctuary
Faith Study on Simon Peter: 1pm or 7pm – Parlour
- Feb. 23 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- Feb. 24 Confirmation 5-6:30 pm
- Feb. 26 24th Kitchener Scouting Baden Powell Service
- Feb. 27 UCW Meeting - 7 pm in the Parlour
- Mar. 5 – 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



Ash Wednesday Service Feb 22nd 6:30 p.m. in the Parlour. Please join us for this meaningful time, and for those interested we will continue with our discussion group after the service.

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



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.

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!

UCW Meeting February 27, 2023, at 7 pm in the church Parlour. Linda Dawson has been waiting for 3 years to share her Mission adventure to Nicaragua with you. Everyone is welcome. Presentation at 7:30 in Long Sunday School Room. For more information contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca

Church Doors & Security: Please ensure that all doors are securely closed & locked (and that latches have “caught” in the receivers). Check before leaving that doors are not blocked from fully closing by wind or debris such as leaves, snow, or ice.

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!

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." New subscribers welcome! For more information contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca

Church Directories: available throughout the year by request through the Church Office. Large print can also be provided.

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: <https://lnkd.in/g5Ed4XZ2>



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

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

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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