
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



March 19, 2023 - Lent IV
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

Prelude **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need** (arr. John Carter)

* Opening Hymn **O Jesus I Have Promised** VU 120

Call to Worship *adapted from by Joanna Harader*

One: In the moments of ease,

All: and in the hard work of life,

One: in the darkest valleys,

All: and where abundance is set before us;

One: in our day-to-day reality,

All: at times set aside—

One: in times like now—

All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: with every step we take:

**All: goodness and mercy await us and follow us,
wherever we go, you are with us,**

One: and our cups overflow with gratitude.

Looking for the Light – Call to Prayer

Solo, Choir Response **Stay with Me** (Taizé Community)

Silence – The Christ candle is lit

Congregational Response **Stay with Me** (Taizé Community)

*Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.*

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

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Anthem

Psalm 23

(Bob Chilcott)

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.*

Reflection *Taking our place at the Cross: The Culpable*

Hymn

The King of Love

VU 273

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** (arr. Cindy Berry)
(with **Sheep May Safely Graze**)

* 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

Hope of the World

VU 215

Sung to VU 491 – O Perfect Love

* 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.*

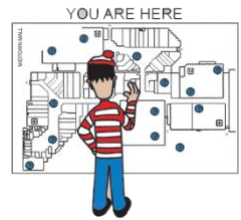
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Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available in the Narthex for you to take home or share.

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Take a SJRUC Tour Today!

Did you ever wonder where some of the more mysterious stairways and hallways of SJR lead? Join us in the Narthex following the service to join one of our SJRUC Sight-Seeing Tours! Groups of 4-6 individuals will depart from the Narthex every few minutes. On this popular tour we will view the Rose Room, the Book Cellar, the Rainbow Room, the Garden Room, and more! Stops along our way will include the Library, Long Sunday School Room, the Nursery, and the Sunday School Rooms in the lower level. We will tour the "Dungeon" and learn how it got its name. Come backstage, wander through the Gym, and visit the kitchens! Touring will be from 11:30-12:30 and each tour will take 10-15 minutes.



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 also strongly recommend wearing a mask at this time.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- TODAY SJRUC Building Tours after the service.
- Mar. 20 Wiggle & Wash – 9:30–11 a.m.
- Mar. 22 Faith Study on Simon Peter: 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- Mar. 23 Last day for SJR Food Drive
- Mar. 23 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room
- Mar. 24 Confirmation – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 26 Worship Service - Lent V - 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 27 UCW Meeting – Long Sunday School Room at 7 p.m.
- Apr. 2 Palm Sunday – Stay for Gather, Gab 7 Mingle after service

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

Winter Conditions Reminder: Please use caution on the ramps and sidewalks at SJR as these might be ice covered and slippery.

IN OUR CHURCH

“Wiggle and Wash” TOMORROW: Monday, March 20th, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.! Show up, sign in, and join us as we make the windows shine at SJR! Come and dance and “wiggle” and sing your way around the church together. If we have time, we’ll wash those pews too. Please bring your own pail and cleaning supplies. Dancing music provided! Requests happily received.



Call for Spare Mobility Aids: Do you have a cane or walker that’s not being used? Consider donating it to SJR to share with others who might need one. Bring them to the office or leave them in the coat room. Thank you!

Food Bank Fundraiser and Food Drive: Many families in our community struggle financially to provide the basic needs of their families, including providing daily nutritious meals. In response, we are having our first fundraiser of 2023 for the Waterloo Region Food Bank,



Sunday, February 26 until Thursday March 23. Food can be dropped off at the church or during Thursday, March 23rd pick up 6-7:30 PM. Financial donations can be made during Sunday service or mailed to the church. Food Bank donation cheques should be made out to SJRUC with ‘Food Bank’ on the memo line, and placed in an envelope labeled for the Food Bank along with your name or SJRUC envelope # on the front of the envelope.

UCW Meeting March 27 Arrrrr ladies! Have you heard of the 5 Rrrrr's? Have you ever had to throw away a makeup container or toothpaste tube and thought "Arrrrr, I wish this could be recycled"! Join the UCW on **Monday, March 27 at 7pm** to learn all about the 5 Rrrrr's! Please bring your own reusable mug for coffee/tea and a reusable napkin for cookies! All ladies welcome!

Sanctuary Easter Flowers To remember a loved one by contributing to the Easter Flower Fund, place your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” and place it on the collection plate **by April 10.**



A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact the church office: 519-742-1002

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 & impetuous but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher yet struggled with doubt & fear. Join this six-week journey into the life, faith, & character of **Simon Peter**. Meet in the Parlour Wednesdays **1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm**. Interested in joining us? Contact the office at mail@sjruc.ca

Forty Days - Forty Items Challenge – ONGOING: Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or drawers that you no longer wear or need and put it into a bag. At the end of the 40 days, on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 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

Broadview Subscriptions: It is time to renew your subscription for 2023. This magazine is a window on our faith community across Canada. The cost remains \$25.00 per year through SJRUC (group rate). We welcome new subscribers! For more information contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca

Next Gather, Gab & Mingle: Palm Sunday, April 2nd join us after the service for refreshments and an opportunity to “Gather, Gab, and Mingle”! Looking forward to getting to know each other better over a cup of coffee, tea, or juice!



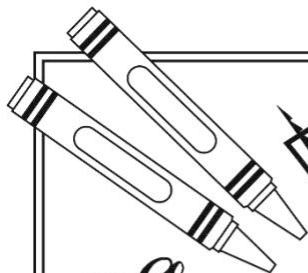
Volunteer Hours: Know a student who needs to complete their volunteer hours or who just enjoys helping? We are looking for someone to compile a digital inventory of our library books using the Dewey Decimal System and create labels. Please contact Brenda if interested in helping with this project: library@sjruc.ca

SJR Garage Sale: We’re having a Garage Sale at SJR! Mark the date on your calendar - **Saturday, May 6th**! More details to come soon!

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



PUZZLE

The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about
God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
Psalm 86:7, NIV