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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**March 26, 2023 - Lent V**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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**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 **Prelude on "Aberystwyth"** *(Healey Willan)*

\* Opening Hymn **Come and Find the Quiet Centre** VU 374

Call to Worship *from the hymn "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, VU573, written by Frank von Christierson*

One: Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
and only you can teach me how to pray.

**All: Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
help me to see your purpose and your will,  
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;  
held in forgiving love, let me be still.**

One: Come with the vision and the strength I need  
to serve my God, and all humanity;  
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured -  
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

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

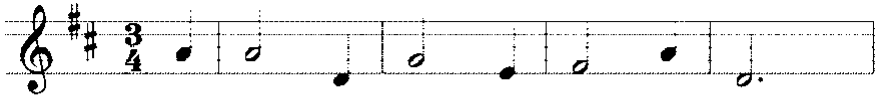
*Youth and Children are invited to head out to Sunday School!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

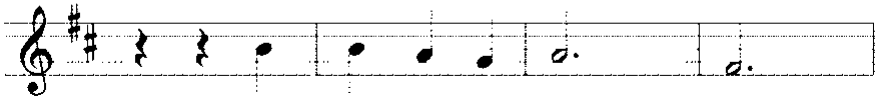
Scripture Reading

**Psalm 130**

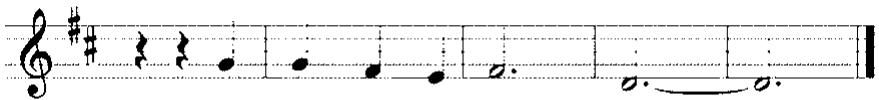
(*John Foley, S.J.*)



If you, O God, laid bare our guilt.



O who could en - dure it?



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**Refrain: If you, O God, laid bare our guilt,  
O who could endure it? O who could endure it?**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, hear my plea.  
Let your ear be attentive to the sound of my call. Refrain*

*If you, O God, laid bare our sin, Lord who could stand?  
But with you is forgiveness, so your name is revered. Refrain*

*Waiting for you, our souls await, hoping in God.  
God will save us from sorrow, bring us back from our sin.  
Refrain*

Reflection *Taking our place at the Cross: Mary*

Hymn **Mary, Woman of the Promise** VU 16

Reflection *Taking our place at the Cross: Peter*

Hymn **Healer of Our Every Ill** VU 619

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))



Offertory **Impromptu** (Franz Schubert)

\* 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 **O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go** VU 658

\* 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 **Prelude in G minor** (J.S. Bach)

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

### **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, please feel free to find another spot. We recommend wearing a mask at this time.*

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Mar. 27 UCW Meeting: Long Sunday School Room at 7 pm
- Mar. 29 Faith Study on Simon Peter: 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- Mar. 30 Choir 7:30pm – Rainbow Room

*Check the bulletin boards and visit [www.sjruc.ca](http://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.

**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



**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!

**Holy Week at SJR**

**Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Join us as we follow the crowds into Jerusalem, waving palm branches, and crying out *Hosanna* (which means save us!)

**Following service on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Next Gather, Gab & Mingle:**

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!



**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – On the night before Jesus died, he gathered his friends for a meal, and gave his most important commandment: *to love and serve one another*. And so we'll gather for a Potluck meal starting at 6pm in the Rainbow Room, followed by a Communion Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm with hand or foot washing. You're invited to join in either experience or both!

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – We start our gathering with Gather, Gab, & Mingle ***before*** service in the Rainbow Room at 9:30 am followed by a Shared Service with Forest Hill & Calvary Memorial at 10:30 am.

**Easter Morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>** - We welcome the new light of Easter morning with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. on the Labyrinth, followed by Breakfast in the Rainbow Room at 8:15 a.m. Signup for the Breakfast is in the Narthex. Following that, our Easter Communion Service will take place in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

**Layreading:** Are you interested in helping with layreading? Contact the church office: [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca) or 519-742-1002



**Thank You!!!** A big “Thank You” goes out to Peggy, Carrie, Mearle, Muriel, Kathy, Marney, Alison, Carol S., Ena, Cec and Jan, and Dianne and Andy... for making the windows at SJR sparkle. You did an amazing job! We have a few more rooms to do but we'll wait for warmer weather - honest.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 or phone 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 church office at 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! Contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca 519-742-1002

**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 Church Garage Sale on **Saturday, May 6th**. Start gathering items now and bring your "treasures" to the church from 9 am to 11 am Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We start sorting on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Watch for the sign-up sheets to help on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> - and on Garage Sale Day - the 6<sup>th</sup>! For more information, contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca 519-742-1002 (*Please, no large furniture*)

**Call for Spare Canes & Walkers:** 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!

**SJRUC Building Use:** Activities are returning to pre-pandemic levels. In addition to the Scouting and Guiding groups, we also have a TOPS group, Al Anon, Music Together, Healing Little Hearts programs, and a substantial increase in rehearsals and recitals. This summer, STEAM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) will be using the building on weekdays, (if you know of any children who would enjoy participating in this camp program see the poster on the "community" bulletin board in the foyer or visit campsteam.ca). ***If you are in the building during any of these events, please be aware that groups may be closely monitoring visitors for the safety of their program participants.*** A monthly calendar of room bookings is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. As always, if you require a room for a meeting or activity, please contact the church office.

**Grand Philharmonic:** As part of their 100th anniversary celebrations the Grand Philharmonic Choir is performing Bach's magnificent Mass in B Minor on **Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30 pm** at Center in the Square. Tickets are available through the box office.

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