
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



May 7, 2023
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 **Moonlight Sonata, 1st Movement** (*L. Van Beethoven*)

* Opening Hymn **Seek Ye First the Kingdom** VU356

Call to Worship *written by Michael Reiss*

One: You are the Way

All: Help us to find new ways of walking

One: You are the Truth

All: Help us to find new ways of talking

One: You are the Life

All: Help us to find new ways of living

One: You are Love

All: Help us to find new ways of loving.

Opening Prayer

One: Fit us, O God, for this new day.

Through your Spirit, grant us courage,
so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

Through your Christ, fill us with love,
so that differences may not divide us.

Through your creative energy, make us new,
so that the past may not restrict us.

Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life, as
together we join in the dance of the divine in and
through our lives, as we pray the words that Jesus
taught...

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 (Inclusive Bible) **John 14:1-14**

¹ Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going." Thomas replied, "But we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I myself am the Way – I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes to (Abba) God but through me. If you really knew me, you would know (Abba) God also. From this point on, you know (Abba) God and you have seen God." "Rabbi," Philip said, "show us (Abba) God, and that will be enough for us." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don't know me? Whoever has seen me has seen (Abba) God. How can you say, 'Show us (your Abba) God'? Don't you believe that I am in (Abba) God and God is in me? The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is (Abba) God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. The truth of

the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do – and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to (Abba) God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name, I will do.

Anthem **For the Beauty of the Earth** (arr. John Rutter)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav'n
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

Reflection **Anything you ask**

Hymn **Come, My Way** VU628

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **To a Wild Rose** (E. MacDowell)

* 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 **How Great Thou Art** VU238

* 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 **Jig Fugue** *(D. Buxtehude)*

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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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Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!

Come and enjoy some refreshments in
the Rainbow Room after the service!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- May 10 **Faith Study** “Esther” 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- May 11 **Choir**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- May 14 **Mother’s Day/Christian Families Sunday** Service 10:30 a.m
- May 21 **May Long Weekend** – Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
- May 28 **Pentecost, Confirmation, Communion Service** – 10:30 a.m.–
stay for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service

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

IN OUR CHURCH

Thanks, SJR! Thanks to all who donated treasures and to all who made cash donations for our Garage Sale in support of Mission and Outreach! Thanks to all who sorted the treasures, to all who priced the treasures, and to all who sold them. And thanks to the volunteers who carted the extra items away to be recycled. We couldn't have done it without you! Another successful Garage Sale!

Fundraiser for Monica Place: Our annual fundraiser for Monica Place runs until Thursday evening, June 1st. A table is set up in the usual place with a wish list for donations items which includes diapers, diaper wipes, diaper rash creams, new baby and toddler clothing, new educational toys (books, dolls, play dough, trucks), gift cards, plus many other new items. Financial donations for Monica Place (cash or cheques made out to SJRUC) can delivered to the church, making sure you indicate “Monica Place” and your name. Please check the "wish list" so we can have a very successful fundraiser for this worthy local organization.

Faith Study: *‘You Were Made for This Moment’* by Max Lucado. When life seems off the rails, remember this truth: the minute you bow your head to pray is the moment God lifts his hand to help. Queen Esther learned this truth firsthand, and God used her to save a nation. God never promised us a life without trials, but he does promise to be with us as we walk through them. Join us on Wednesdays, from 1 pm - 3 pm OR from 7 pm - 9 pm in the Parlour as we journey through the Book of Esther. For more information, please contact the office @ mail@sjruc.ca

Directory Photos will be taken at SJR Sept 13-16. More information will be available closer to the dates. If you will be away that week, arrangements can be made to attend another location when you are available. See members of the Pastoral Care & Membership Committee if you have questions. Groups & committees will submit their pictures prior to that day.

TCOW is Back TCOW (Two Countries – One World), a highly valued United Church global youth programme, is holding one final information meeting THIS WEDNESDAY, May 10th at 6 pm on ZOOM, to share with high school students, their parents and friends, news about our 2023-24 year experience in learning, justice making and international travel to Colombia (during March Break) as guests of the Columbian Methodist Church. Link in to hear about our plans, meet committee members and past alumnae, ask your questions, and consider your own possible participation in this quest for global citizenship. Check out the: waterlootcow.ca for applications and to join us Wednesday at this link: www.tinyurl.com/TCOWZoom (or email the church office mail@sjruc.ca for this link).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Building Bridges through Music: Inshallah Monday, May 8, 7:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St W, Waterloo. Engage in an arts-based workshop about conflict resolution through music.

Taco Supper Fundraiser: Taco Supper & Bake Sale fundraiser at Westminster United Church, 543 Beechwood Dr. Waterloo on **Tuesday, May 16, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** Join us for tacos with all the fixings & beverages. Free will offering, take-out available. We will be having a bake sale, too!

Hosting Ukrainians Fleeing the War: We are for people willing to open their homes to Ukrainian families fleeing the war. Some hosts offer a sofa bed & emergency hosting only, others have a spare room or two and host for longer periods. Some hosts cook meals & help with paperwork. All we expect is a bed, access to the kitchen & bathroom, and a welcoming smile. Do you have a business willing to hire a Ukrainian? The government does not provide housing or money for these people because they are not refugees. They need to get jobs quickly so they can sustain themselves. For more info www.wrgrassrootsresponse.ca

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.

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

Colouring Page for All Ages!

Colour this page, add your name if you like, drop it off in the church office or mailbox #3 in the foyer by the office. They'll be displayed in the coming weeks.

