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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**May 14, 2023**  
**Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday**  
**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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

**The Swan**

*(Camille Saint-Saëns)*

\* Opening Hymn **Come In, Come in and Sit Down** VU 395

Call to Worship

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world

**All: and fills our lives.**

One: We need not look up to find God,

**All: we need only to look around:**

One: within ourselves,

**All: beyond ourselves,**

One: into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
we need only listen to the music of life,

**All: the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and who fills our lives.

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

One: Almighty God, you have set before us the path  
but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call  
and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,  
ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, seeking life on our terms, not knowing how much we still need your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and struggle and believe that it's up to only us.

Remind us, parental God, God who walks with us through the ages and stages of life, that we are always loved, for who you have created us to be.

Help us to seek you, your wisdom and guidance, your grace and love, to time and time again return to the path and walk with you. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we 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      Blessing of Prayer Shawls

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading (CEB) **John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you

and will be with you. <sup>18</sup> “I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Anthem

**Consider the Lilies**

(Natalie Sleeth)

*Consider the lilies and how they grow,  
Blossoming there in the field,  
'tis not for their labour they flourish so,  
Flowers of beauty to yield.*

**Refrain** *Through the grace of God above,  
Tending all in constant love,  
Ev’ry want shall be supplied,  
For God the Lord will provide.*

*Consider a moment the birds in flight,  
Ev’rywhere filling the air,  
with never a worry they seek the height,  
Nourished in bountiful share. **Refrain***

*Store not up in great array  
Treasures for the coming day;  
In the Kingdom first believe,  
And all good things you shall receive.  
For more than the lilies that bloom and grow,  
More than the birds of the air,  
Your Maker forever your need will know  
And feed you with heavenly care. **Refrain***

Reflection

**I Won’t Leave You**

Hymn

**Loving Spirit**

VU 387

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

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



Offertory

**The Child Asleep**

(Louis Köhler)

\* 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      **Before You Now, O God**      VU 511

\* 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      **In Thee is Gladness**      (*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:**

- May 17 **Faith Study** "Esther" 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- May 18 **Choir**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- 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](http://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 reached **\$2523.60** (and counting) without you! Another successful Garage Sale!

**Fundraiser for Monica Place:** on now until Thursday evening, June 1st. A table is set up in the foyer with a wish list for donations items which includes diapers, diaper wipes, diaper rash creams, new baby & 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 successful fundraiser for this worthy organization.



**UCW Spring Fling!** - We're having our "Spring Fling" on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Gym**. All women welcome! We have contacted DeliWorks and Angus will provide three different lunches - your choice. Each will be \$17. They are found on the poster on the bulletin board. This is not a fundraiser. Come and catch up with those you haven't seen for a while and have a bit of fun. Please call Muriel or Jan and book your lunch box before June 8th. Put your payment in an envelope marked "SPRING FLING" and drop it off at the church or e-transfer to pay-UCW@sjruc.ca. All Lunch Boxes must be prepaid.

**Can you offer a ride to church?** If you are traveling from Waterloo near Conestoga Mall and can assist with transportation to & from church on Sundays, contact the church office 519-742-1002



**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.

**Possible Seniors’ Exercise Classes at SJR this Fall** “SMART” (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)® program is for anyone 55 years and older or any adult living with a disability who wants to improve their strength, balance, and mobility through low-impact exercise. Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace, wear comfortable clothing and supportive shoes. The exercises can be completed seated or standing. **We are currently trying to determine if there is enough interest to run a program at SJRUC in the fall.** If you would be interested in participating, please add your name to the list in the Narthex along with your preferred time or call/email the church office to have your name added.

### SUMMER SERVICES:

We will be sharing Summer Worship Services with Calvary Memorial United and Forest Hill United. Summer Services will be at **10:00 a.m.**



- July 2, 9, 16 -** Meet at **Calvary Memorial United**  
91 Gruhn St, Kitchener
- July 23, 30, Aug 6 -** Meet at **Forest Hill United**  
121 Westmount Rd E Kitchener
- August 13, 20, 27 -** Meet at **St. James'~Rosemount United**  
171 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**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](http://www.wrgrassrootsresponse.ca)

**Prayer in the Park Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm** Victoria Park Kitchener by the Clock Tower. God's call to draw His people together is clear throughout Scripture - we see it through the feasts, sacred assemblies, and times of renewal, even in the early church. Unity refreshes us and renews and reminds us we are part of the one body of Christ and God is with us. Our prayer is that God's presence will be experienced in an awe-inspiring, powerful way in our midst, both at Prayer in the Park, and as we go forth and serve God in Waterloo Region. (Ephesians 4:12). We pray that times of refreshing will come on the Church of Waterloo Region, that God will show His power and glory here.

### 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.***

HAPPY  
**Mother's**  
DAY!



**"Let's take the corn flakes just in case."**

**Daughter:** Mom, what's it like to have the best daughter in the world?

**Mother:** I don't know dear, you'd have to ask Grandma.

"If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?"

-Milton Berle