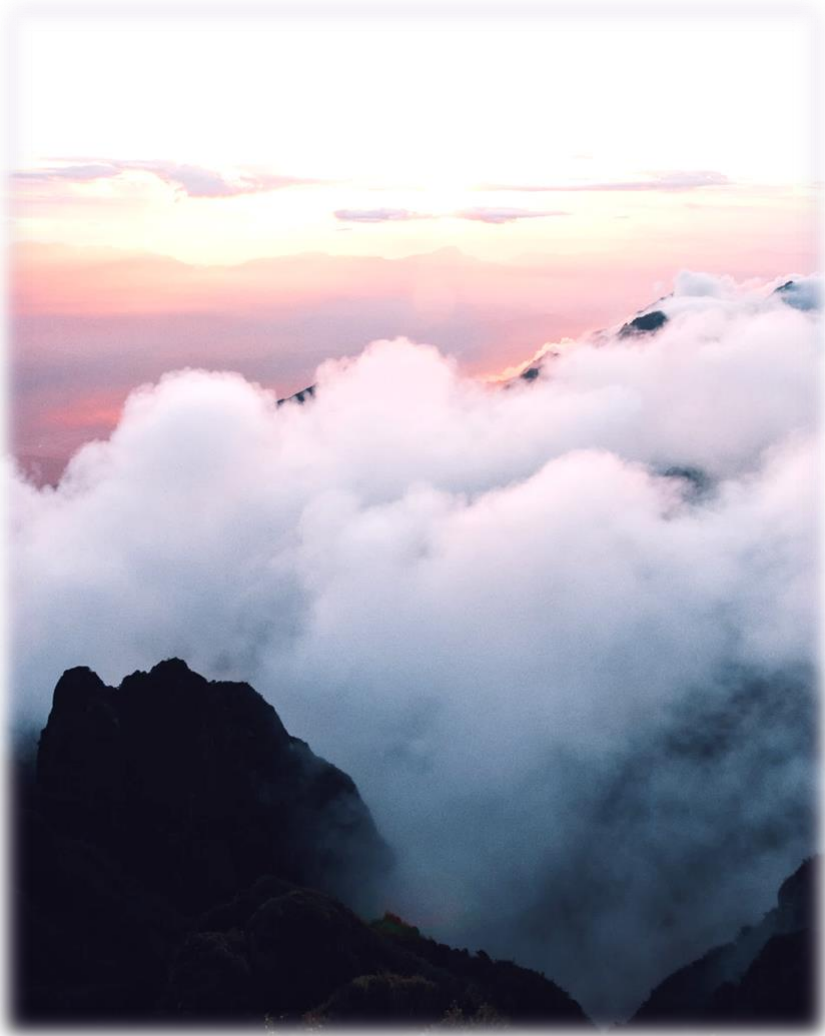

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



May 21, 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

Recit

(Denis Bedard)

* Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome

MV 1

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Joan Stott*

One: Come all God's people!

Let us gather to praise our God!

All: With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

One: Come all God's people!

Let us gather to wonder at the life of Jesus.

All: With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate the persistent story of our faith.

One: Come all God's people!

Let us gather to worship and honour the Spirit!

All: With holy curiosity and abundant grace, we worship that which we barely understand, but that connects us, one life to another,

One: so, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

One: Lord of life, we do not know how to face of the future, let alone the difficulty of this moment, any more than your disciples did. Like them, we have many questions: how to live, how to be a good person, how to bear witness, how to make real our faith. Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit to inspire us in our living and strengthen our loving.

You have been raised in glory
that we might rise with dignity
You live in power
that we might live in peace
You are present everywhere
that we might be fully present in our own lives
This we believe.
This we follow in faith, to enable us to rise above...

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 (CEB) **Acts1:1-11**

¹ "If you Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, ² right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. ⁴ While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: ⁵ John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus,

“Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”
7 Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. 11 They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

Anthem

JLM

(Bradley Phillips)

Jesus loves me, of this I know,
Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but he is so strong.
Yes, Jesus love me,
the Bible tells me so.
Alleluia!

Reflection

Lifted Up

Hymn

Arise, Your Light is Come

VU 79

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Aria

(Samuel Wesley)

* 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

Response – **Lord, Listen to your Children Praying** VU 400

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** VU 375

* 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 **Rondeau** (*Jean Joseph Mouret*)

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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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SJR 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 keep up-to-date on vaccinations. If you feel you are seated too close, please feel free to move to another seat. We recommend wearing a mask.*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- May 24 **Faith Study** "Esther" 1pm or 7pm, Parlour
- May 28 **Pentecost, Confirmation, Communion Service** – 10:30 a.m.– stay for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service.
- June 4 **Worship Service 10:30 am** with information from Camino (new organization with Monica Place)
- June 11 Celebrate our Children Service 10:30 am - BBQ after church!
- June 18 **Father's Day Service** 10:30 am
- June 25 **Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.
- July 2 Summer Schedule begins: **Worship at Calvary United 10 am**

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 CHURCH

Inside & Outside



Join us for "Outside & Inside" Monday, June 5th.

We'll meet at the church - 9:30 am to 11:30 am - with the plan to tidy up the gardens around the church, and finish cleaning the windows. Please bring the supplies you will need. Sunshine provided outside... Music provided inside. 🎵🎵 Snacks at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

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 very worthy organization.



UCW Spring Fling! - We're having our "Spring Fling" on **Tuesday, June 13th 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.

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, & mobility through low-impact exercise. Participants work at their own pace, wear comfortable clothing & supportive shoes.

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.

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

Prayer in the Park Sunday, June 4th 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.



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re** _____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig** _____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

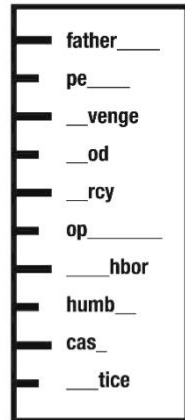
Learn to do **right**; seek jus _____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; **plead** the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go ____

To act **justly** and to **love** me _____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV



So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them
d _____to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets