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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...*



*and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8, NRSV*

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**May 28, 2023 – Pentecost, Confirmation  
& Communion 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 **Fantasy Bossa** played by Nat Carter-Fickling (*Norton*)

\* Opening Hymn

**I Was There**

VU 644

Call to Worship read by Janaye Patey and Nevaeh Bell

One: Spirit...

Two: energy of the dance...

One: promise in the water...

Two: rush in the wind...

One: rhythm in the word...

Two: poetry of the faith...

One: silence in the horror...

Two: patience in the waiting...

One: question in the wonder...

Two: curve on the horizon...

One: brightness in the sun...

Two: speed in the light...

One: comfort in the darkness...

Two: holy in the hidden...

One: heat in the flame...

Two: beauty in the growing...

One: joy in the journey...

Two: meaning in the moment...

One: life in the resurrection...

Two: Spirit...

**All: Come Spirit... be it all... these mentioned and more and renew us again... and again...**

Opening Poem – 'Who is God?' written by Ash/Grace Bannister

**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.**

Renewal of Baptismal Faith:

Ash/Grace Bannister, Nevaeh Bell  
Nat Carter-Fickling, Janaye Patey, Mackenzey Sweeney

Words of Faith – A New Creed

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn                      **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**                      VU 509

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

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading (First Nations Version) **Acts 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>The time for *the full meaning* of the ancient festival of *Weeks or Pentecost* had now arrived. They had all gathered together in one place, <sup>2</sup> when suddenly the sound of a great windstorm came from the spirit-world above and could be heard throughout the house where they were <sup>3</sup>sitting. They saw

flames of fire coming down from above, separating and resting on each of <sup>4</sup> their heads. The Holy Spirit had come down upon them and began to fill them with his life and power. New languages began to flow out from their mouths, languages they had never learned, given from the Holy Spirit.

5 The Sacred Village of Peace (Jerusalem) was filled with devoted members of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel), who had come for the festival from every nation under the sun. <sup>6</sup> A crowd began to gather when they heard the loud noise.<sup>7</sup> In wonder and amazement the crowd began to ask, "How is it that these people from Circle of Nations (Galilee) are speaking in our many <sup>8</sup>languages? For we all can understand them in the languages of the places we have come from! <sup>9-</sup>

<sup>11</sup>There are people here for the festival from nations and places close by and far away who are members of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel), and those from Outside Nations who have been taken into the tribes. "They come from Land of Victory (Parthia), Land in the Middle (Media), and Land of the Ancient Ones (Elam). Many come from Land Between Rivers (Mesopotamia), Land of Promise (Judea), Land of Handsome Horses (Cappadocia), Land of Black Waters (Pontus), and Land of the Rising Sun (Asia). Some come from Dry Wood (Phrygia) and Many Tribes (Pamphylia), and the territory of Land of Tears (Lybia) near the village of Strong Wall (Cyrene). There are travelers from Village of Iron (Rome), both Tribal Members and Outsiders who have become Tribal Members, along with those who come from Flesh Eater Island (Crete) and Land of Wanderers (Arabia). "We can hear them, in the languages of these nations, telling about the great and powerful <sup>12</sup>things done by the Great Spirit!" Many were amazed and confused and began to ask each<sup>13</sup>other, "What can this mean?"

Anthem **Oh a Song Must Rise** (Paul Svenson)

**Refrain** *Oh, a song must rise for the spirit to descend*

*Oh, a song must rise once again*

*Singing out God's praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,*

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

*From the mountains to the valleys, from the desert to the sea,  
A song must rise once again.*

*From the voices of our leaders, the voice of you and me,  
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. Refrain*

*From poverty and riches, from the voice of young and old,  
A song must rise once again.*

*From the free and the imprisoned, the timid and the bold,  
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. Refrain*

*From ev'ry house of worship, in ev'ry faith and tongue,  
A song must rise once again.*

*From the villages and cities a new song must be sung,  
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. Refrain*

Reflection

**What can this mean?**

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



Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

**Idylle**

(Modest Moszkowski)

\* 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

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

\* Closing Hymn

**Go, Make a Diff'ence**

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### **Refrain**

*Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.*

*Go make a diff'ence in the world.*

*Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.*

*Go make a diff'ence in the world.*

*We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see  
the love of God in you and me.*

*We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.*

*Go make a diff'ence in the world. Refrain*

*We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.*

*We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.*

*Go make a difference in the world. Refrain*

*So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.*

*Go make a difference in the world.*

*And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.*

*Go make a difference in the world. Refrain*

\* 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 **Jesus Loves Me** played by Mackenzey Sweeney *(Bradbury)*

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

**Join us for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!**



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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 29 UCW Meeting -7 pm in the Parlour
- 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

**UCW Meeting TOMORROW:** "The Church is Alive with the Sound of Music!" Ever wonder how that happens week in and week out? Well, we at SJR are very lucky to have Alison Vicary as our organist/ choir director. Alison will be our guest speaker at the next UCW meeting ***tomorrow, Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm*** to tell us about her music background, how she got started in music and much more! Also hear about the Choral Scholar program we have at SJR. ***Meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Parlour - ALL ARE WELCOME.***

**The last Sharing Place** in the Christ the King building will be held ***Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4p.m. & Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to noon.*** Help setting up during the week before, during the event & cleaning up would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office 519-742-1002.

**Monica Place Fundraiser: now until Thursday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup>.** A table is set up in the foyer with a wish list for donation items including diapers, 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.



**Join us for "Outside & Inside" Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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!



**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.

**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, wearing 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 looking 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, & 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. 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.