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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN!



June 11, 2023 – Celebrate our Children
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

Canon in D

(Johann Pachelbel)

*Opening Hymn **This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm going to let it shine

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm going to let it shine

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm going to let it shine

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Shine all over God's world, I'm going to let it shine

Shine all over God's world, I'm going to let it shine

Shine all over God's world, I'm going to let it shine

Let it shine, All the time, Let it shine!

Call to Worship

One: We gather together to remember,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—

**All: stories we have heard many times before,
stories passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion, of miracles and new life.**

One: We tell these stories over and over
so that we don't forget.

We tell these stories to remember who we are:
people of God.

We tell these stories so that our children
and our children's children
can trust the unlimited love of God.

**All: So let us join in this continuation of love,
let us worship together!**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by John van de Laar*

One: Long before the change of name,
before the first signs of new life
before the beginnings of promises fulfilled...
You asked Abram to make his home in a strange new
world, and share the blessing that was to come.

And now, O God, you ask the same faith of us:
the faith to stand in the unknown,
to count ourselves among the forgotten,
to find our place alongside the poor and broken;
to trust in your mercy and your promises,
and to share what we have received;
The faith to wait expectantly for your reign of justice
and equity, together with those who most need its gifts.

Teach us to be children of Abram, sharers of the
blessings we enjoy:

The blessing of plenty shared with those who have need,
The blessing of healing shared with those who are sick
and wounded,

The blessing of joy shared with those who celebrate
and of tears shared with those who grieve,

The blessing of friendship shared with those who are
excluded, and of solidarity with those
who fight injustice,

The blessing of peace shared with those in conflict,
and of confrontation shared with those who bring harm;
And in some small way, may our faith and our sharing,
help to bring your promises into being in our world...

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 return to their seats!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (NIV) **Genesis 12**

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

Solo **Poor Wayfaring Stranger** (*arr. Mark Mrozink*)
Solo by Spencer Smith

Reflection **I Will Make You Into...**

Hymn **Though Our Lives May Be**

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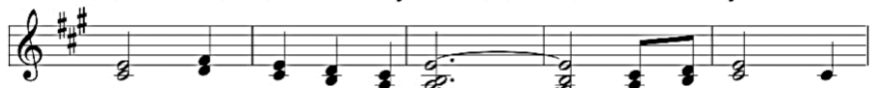
Though Our Lives May Be

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1. Though our lives may be in a min - or key, ev - ery
2. If the path is dim and the chan - ces slim do we
3. We are not a - lone; may our trust be known in the
4. At the end of day what is left to say that has



1. note will make the song whole; then may what we
2. seek an eas - i - er road? Yet the nar - row
3. One who shows us the way. We can plant a
4. not been all heard be - fore? Yet there's work to



1. sing and the hope we bring lead to har - mon - y in our
2. gate yields a no - bler state, when we help by shar - ing the
3. seed and our spir - its feed so com-pass - ion springs forth each
4. do, see - ing kind - ness through in a world that al - ways needs



1. souls. If our words fall short or we lack sup-port, though de-
2. load. Is our on - ly aim to as - sign the blame but ig-
3. day. For the time will come when we're set free from win - try
4. more. For the truth is clear and the king - dom near; it is



1. terred, we will not des - pair; but in - stead let's face each or -
2. nore the role that we play? Let us re - con-cile and en -
3. view - points, fro - zen in snow; but to - ge - ther we, in com -
4. found en-graved on our hearts but to re - mind us of God's ap -



1. deal with grace and in diff - i - cult times, for - bear.
2. dure our trials as we fol - low what Christ would say.
3. mun - i - ty, can build gar-dens where all will grow.
4. peal to love and the car - ing that faith im - parts.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **Aria "Bist Du Bei Mir"** (J.S. Bach)

* 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 **One More Step Along the World** VU 639

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace** (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 **Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring** (J.S. Bach)

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***Thank you to Allan Baer, and to Spencer Smith
for joining us today and providing
the music for the service!***

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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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**Join us after the service for a BBQ
to celebrate our children!**



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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- June 13 **UCW Spring Fling 11:30 am** – in the Gym
- June 18 **Father's Day Service 10:30 am** – Gather, Gab & Mingle after
- June 25 **Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**
- July 2 Summer Schedule begins: **Worship at Calvary United 10 am**

IN OUR CHURCH

Thank you to everyone for your help in cleaning up the gardens and finishing the cleaning of the windows this past Monday. Thanks to Cec, Rev. Chris, Evelyn, Kathy, Margaret and Mearle & Henri for trimming bushes and plants and pulling weeds and planting the flower gardens for the summer. And thanks to Alison, Jan, Marney, and Muriel for cleaning the windows. You all worked so hard and you did a great **job!!! SJR looks great outside and inside.**

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. (All Lunch Boxes must be prepaid – the deadline has now passed.)

Faith Study: In ***40 Days Through the Book: Mark*** video Bible study, we will be guided through Mark's biography of Jesus and what his words mean to us today. In this six-session study, Manion invites seasoned and new believers in the faith to understand more about who Jesus is and how to know Him better. The study guide includes access to six streaming video sessions to watch on any device, video notes, discussion questions, and a 40 Day reading plan between sessions. This is our study for September but... **we need to order the books now!** *If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm please contact the office by June 25th.*



Do you enjoy Gather, Gab & Mingle (GGM)? Would you like it to run more often in the fall? If so, we need more volunteers! Contact the church office if you're interested in serving with us.

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.



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.

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

SJR SUMMER RENDEZVOUS--FREE CONCERTS in Rockway Gardens Sunday evening near the gazebo. Join Evelyn and Janice and others from SJR at the 4 o'clock position facing the stage for a **7 pm start**. Donations accepted for the Kitchener Horticultural Society. Bring a lawn chair and water, Park in the Rockway Centre lot. **Mark these on your calendar-; July 16--Celtic inspired; Aug. 20--Paul Mitchell group (jazz) and Sept. 10--TBD--AFTERNOON.** Just show up - In case of rain the music concert moves inside Rockway Centre.