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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



June 18, 2023

Father's Day & Indigenous Day of Prayer

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

Prelude

'Andante' from Solfeggio in A Major

(Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach)

*Opening Hymn

We Are One

VU 402

Call to Worship - Lighting the Christ Candle

One: O Great Spirit, Creator of all light and life,
as we gather in this sacred space today,
we now light the Christ candle as a symbol of your
divine presence among us.

We remember the words of Christ, the Light of the
World, who calls us to be beacons of hope, healing,
and reconciliation.

As we kindle this flame, may it remind us of the
wisdom and resilience of the Indigenous Peoples who
have cherished and nurtured the land we share.

May it also represent the Sacred Drum, whose rhythm
resonates with the heartbeat of Mother Earth and
unites us in our common journey towards
understanding, unity, and love.

We pray that the light of this candle will guide us in our
worship, illuminate our hearts, and inspire us to walk
together in the footsteps of Christ. May we be bearers
of this light in a world yearning for peace, justice, and
reconciliation.

In the name of the Creator, the Great Spirit,
let us worship.

Opening Prayer

All: Great Spirit, Creator of all, as we come before you in humility and reverence, we give thanks for your loving presence. You have brought us together on this day, a day set aside for an Indigenous Day of Prayer, uniting us in our shared journey of healing, reconciliation, and celebration. Held on Father's Day, we honour the relationships of this moment, even as they connect us with generations past. O God, we seek to honour the wisdom, spirituality, and strength of the Indigenous Peoples of this land. Open our hearts, Great Spirit, to receive your guidance and grace. Help us to embrace the beauty of diversity, to listen with respect and compassion, and to learn from the teachings of Indigenous peoples. In this sacred time of worship, may we be filled with your Spirit, that we might journey together on the path of understanding and love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

An Indigenous Lord's Prayer (*read and prayed slowly together*)

**Great Spirit, our Creator, who is in all places,
Sacred is your name.
May your wisdom guide us,
Your will be done in our lives,
as it is throughout Creation.
Provide for us today the nourishment we need,
And forgive us our wrongs,
as we forgive those who have wronged us.
Lead us on the path of understanding and respect,
And protect us from ignorance and harm.
For you are the source of all power, beauty, and love,
From generation to generation, forever and always.
Amen.**

Story Time

Youth and Children are invited to return to their seats!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 2:14-22**

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Anthem **Morning has Broken** (arr. Forrest Kinney)
Solo: Charlotte Carter

Reflection **Built Together**

Hymn **Deep in our Hearts** MV 154

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory **1. Etude in F Major** (Johann Christian Bach)
2. Moderato in C Major (Johann Christoph Friedrich 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 **Praise with Joy the World's Creator** VU312
- * 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 **Allegro in A Major** *(Wilhelm Friedemann Bach)*

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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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*Service prayers, and suggested themes based on services
provided by Rev. Shane Gouldie, and Debbie Hubbard.*

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

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



Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was the father of 20 children, 10 of whom survived to maturity. Not only was he a hardworking musician and supportive father but he also acted as their music teacher. Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784) was his eldest son and second child. Despite being acknowledged as a genius as an organist and composer his income and employment record was unstable due to his difficult personality. Carl Philipp Emanuel (1714-1788) was his fifth child and 2nd surviving son. He was the most prolific and best known of Bach's sons. Johann Christoph Friedrich (1732-1795), Bach's 5th son, was a well-known composer and harpsichordist during his lifetime. Johann Christian (1735-1782) was the youngest and most successful son. He was the first musician to perform solo on the piano(forte) and became known as the "English Bach" because of his important status with English royalty when he moved to London. J.C. is also important to modern music in that he won a court case in 1777 which established that copyright law also applied to print music.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- June 25 **Worship Service at SJRUC** at 10:30 a.m.
- July 2 Summer Schedule begins: **Worship at Calvary United 10 am**

IN OUR CHURCH

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.



The SJRUC office will be staffed intermittently in July & August. E-mail is the best way to reach the office.



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (*Psalm 147:4*)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (*Psalm 8:3*)

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What does God bring out one by one? (*Isaiah 40:26*)

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God made two great lights to do this. (*Genesis 1:16*)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (*Genesis 15:5*)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (*1 Corinthians 15:41*)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (*Genesis 1:14*)

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The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV