
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

“Friendship

*is being with the other in joy
and sorrow, even when we
cannot increase the joy or
decrease the sorrow.*

*It is a unity of souls that gives
nobility and sincerity to love.
Friendship makes all of life
shine brightly.”*

—HENRI NOUWEN



June 25, 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 **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

(arr. John Carter)

*Opening Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

Call to Worship

One: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love—
neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.

People of God, look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends—
the ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

In me, in you, in each of us,
God's spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer *adapted by a prayer by Bruce Prewer*

One: The smell of the earth after some rain,
the desert in flower on a red plain,
the coming of sleep after much pain;

All: For gifts simple and profound, we thank you, loving Friend.

One: The sound of waves along the shore,
the children's laughter as they explore,
the promise of love for evermore:

**All: For gifts simple and profound, we thank you,
loving Friend.**

One: The sight of black swans on a calm lake,
the taste of summer in a fruit cake,
travelling by faith after a mistake:

**All: For gifts simple and profound, we thank you,
loving Friend.**

One: The scent of green grass from the cut lawn,
the pure-white blossom on a rough thorn,
the return of hope with a new dawn:

**All: For gifts simple and profound, we thank you,
loving Friend.**

One: The fragrance of bread just freshly made,
the brimming cup sipped in the shade,
the pardon of debts never repaid:

**All: For gifts simple and profound, we thank you,
loving Friend.**

One: For we lift up the name of one who befriended
humanity, in love and in hope, 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

Youth and Children are invited to return to their seats!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (Common English Bible) **Psalms 86:1-10**

Lord, listen closely to me and answer me,
because I am poor and in need.

² Guard my life because I am faithful.

Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God!

³ Have mercy on me, Lord,

because I cry out to you all day long.

⁴ Make your servant's life happy again

because, my Lord, I offer my life to you,

⁵ because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.

⁶ Listen closely to my prayer, Lord;

pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy.

⁷ Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you,

because you will answer me.

⁸ My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods!

There is nothing that can compare to your works!

⁹ All the nations that you've made will come

and bow down before you, Lord;

they will glorify your name,

¹⁰ because you are awesome and a wonder-worker.

You are God. Just you.

Solo: **Lord God of Abraham, from 'Elijah'** (*Felix Mendelssohn*)

Roland Kessler, soloist

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel!

This day let it be known that Thou art God;

and that I am Thy servant.

Lord God of Abraham, O show to all this people

that I have done these things according to Thy word.

O hear me, Lord and answer me,

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel!

O hear me, O hear me and answer me;

and show this people that Thou art Lord God;

and let their hearts again be turned!

Reflection

Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

VU 808

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

Simple Gifts

(arr. John Carter)

* 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 **What a Friend we Have in Jesus** VU 664

* 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

Prelude in F Major

(J.S. 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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NEXT SUNDAY: Meet for worship at **10:00 a.m.** (note earlier start time) at **Calvary Memorial United Church**
91 Gruhn St. Kitchener (at Park St. & Glasgow St.)

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 (at Park & Glasgow St.)
Rev. Gary Clark
- July 23, 30, Aug 6:** Meet at **Forest Hill United**
121 Westmount Rd E Kitchener
Rev. Chris Fickling
- August 13, 20, 27:** Meet at **St. James'~Rosemount United**
171 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener
Rev. Tim Graham



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

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 call the office **by end of day TODAY (June 25).***

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.





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.

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: mail@sjruc.ca if you're interested in serving with us.



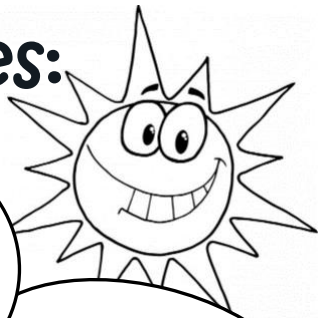
SJR Current Covid Measures: SJR follows Ontario Public Health guidelines: practice good hand hygiene, distance yourself from others if you choose, stay home if you are sick, and keep up to date on vaccinations. If you feel you are seated too close, please feel free to move to another seat. We recommend 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

Trinity United Church in Kitchener is seeking a pianist to provide music for worship services and accompany choir rehearsals alongside our Music Leader on a weekly basis for 4 months (September 5 - December 31, 2023 - possibility of contract extension). Interested applicants should be proficient pianists and willing collaborators, with availability on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Salary: \$200/week Please contact Jennifer Spaulding at 519-589-1755 or ms.j.spaulding@gmail.com for more details or to express interest in the position.

Summer Sillies:



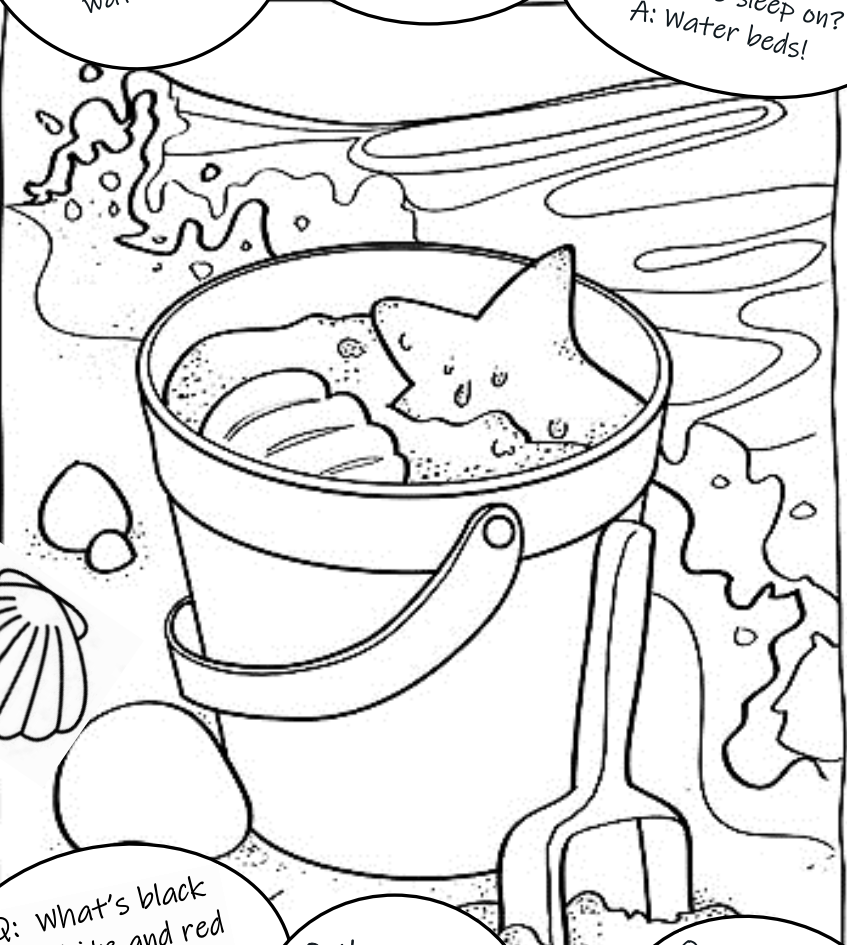
Q: When do you go
at red and stop
at green?

A: When you're
eating a slice of
watermelon!

Q: Why did the
dolphin cross the
beach?

A: To get to the
other tide!

Q: What do
mermaids sleep on?
A: Water beds!



Q: What's black
and white and red
all over?
A: A zebra with a
sunburn!

Q: How can you
tell that the
ocean is
friendly?
A: It waves!

Q: What do you
call a snowman
in July?
A: A puddle!