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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**August 13, 2023 - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentcost**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Graham**

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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.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: Come into this time of worship knowing that God has called each one of us here.

**All: We come ready to hear what God has for us.**

One: Come, knowing that Christ is here beside each and every one of us.

**All: We come with the assurance of this companionship.**

One: Come, to be set free to respond to the Spirit's work in the world.

**All: We come to be equipped for service.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

**We Praise You, O God**

VU 218

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

1st Scripture: Romans 10:5-15 (NRSV)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Psalm: A paraphrase of Psalm 95 (vs 1-7) arranged for responsive reading by Jim Taylor

One: Come and climb up to the top of the rock;

**All: Standing on the top, stretch your arms out to the sky.**

One: Reach out to the holy spirit that wraps around you.

**All: In grateful silence, soak up the shining breath of life.**

One: God is the rock upon which we live; All the earth is God's:

**All: From ocean abyss to mountain pinnacle, from polar icefield to tropical rain forest, God lives in all the subtle links of life.**

One: Bow your head before the wonder of it all; feel the strength of the rock rise up through your feet.

**All: We are not alone; We are one in God. Lichens and trees, ants, and people--All are held in the palm of God's hand.**

Hymn: **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** VU 264

2nd Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Ministry of Music: **Chants Russes** (E. Lalo)  
*Leah Mezo-Willingham, cello*

Sermon: "Daring Attempts"

Hymn **All The Way My Saviour Leads Me** VU 635

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory

\* Offering Response

Doxology: **We Give You But Your Own**

VU 542

\*Dedication of the Offering

One: God's support of us is constant and reliable; God will never let us down!

**All: In Jesus, we have the assurance that he was there for those who needed him.**

One: These offerings are for the work of God in this faith community and far beyond.

**All: They will provide support, learning, challenge, confidence, and the opportunity of new ways.**

One: God will bless them, and bless us as we share in the work these gifts make possible.

**All: To God be the glory! Amen.**

Prayer of Joys and Concerns and Lord's Prayer

## WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

\* Closing Hymn **Lead On, O Cloud Of Presence** VU 421

\* Commissioning

One: Go and invite others into Jesus' embrace

**All: We go into the world to live as disciples of Love.**

One: Go and invite others into the healing power of God's grace.

**All: We go into the world to live as baptizers, teachers, friends.**

One: Go and invite others into the Spirit's powerful vision.

**All: We go into the world to live as prophetic visionaries.**

\*Benediction

\* Choral Closing **The Lord Bless Thee**

VU 965

*Please remain seated in silence as  
we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

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**Thank you to Leah Mezo-Willingham  
for providing the  
Ministry of Music today!**

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**After the service today please join us in the  
Rainbow Room for some refreshments at  
“Gather, Gab & Mingle!”**



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**NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Meet for worship at 10:00 a.m.  
here at SJRUC*

### **SUMMER SERVICES:**

We are sharing Summer Worship Services with  
Calvary Memorial United and Forest Hill United.  
Summer Services will be at **10:00 a.m.**

**August 20, 27:** Meet at **St. James'~Rosemount United**  
171 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener  
Rev. Tim Graham

*The SJRUC office will be staffed intermittently  
until September. E-mail is the best way to contact the 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 CHURCH

**Directory Photos** will be taken at SJR Sept 13,14,15,16 2023. Sign up to book your photo session in the Long Sunday School Room for the next several Sundays before or after the worship service. On-line sign up will also be online on our website (closed on Sundays to avoid double sign up). A reminder for committees: you are able to submit a group picture or sign up for your group picture on an agreed upon date and time. See members of the Pastoral Care & Membership Committee if you have questions.



**Seniors' Exercise Classes at SJR "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.

***Classes are now running in the SJR Gym each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. No pre-registration required.***

**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 Evelyn at [everoynite@yahoo.ca](mailto:everoynite@yahoo.ca) if you're interested in serving with us.



**Blessing of the Animals Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at**

**10:30 a.m** (note return to regular start time) - Bring a lawn chair join us on our labyrinth for a very special outdoor service that celebrates one of God's special gifts to us: our pets! For the safety of all our pets and people, please ensure pets are on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.



# Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love                                                             
   31    15    7    18    5

Part of a stove used for baking                                                  
   12    3    24    39

Color made by red and yellow                                                                        
   28    42    7    8    27    37

A present                                                  
   1    32    20    11

Clothing a girl wears                                                             
   19    22    43    44    33

Something you open to go into a room                                                  
   40    29    17    47

Opposite of soft (sound)                                                  
   34    17    41    30

To take a long walk                                                  
   14    2    9    38

A high body temperature                                                             
   45    50    49    48    42

Items used to build or fix things                                                             
   13    35    21    16    26

Edge of the sea                                                             
   10    23    46    51    4

Home for a bee                                                  
   6    25    36    4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV