
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



August 20, 2023 - 12th Sunday after Pentcost
Worship Leader: Rev. Tim Graham

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 *(based on Psalm 133)*

One: How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

All: to gather for worship, to rejoice in thanksgiving.

One: How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

All: to encourage each other to be good friends.

One: How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

All: to work together to support the troubled, near and far away.

One: How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

All: to have the promised blessing, life that never ends.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

O Lord My God

VU 238

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

1st Scripture: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

A Prayer for Christian Commitment (Confession)

One: Many choices await us in the daily routine of life.

All: In the will to make faithful decisions, in our rejection of selfishness, may persistence be our watchword.

One: Many opportunities are open for us to use our gifts.

All: In our recognition of new talents, in the choice of fresh ventures, may we overcome our fear of failure.

One: Many ways are open for us to find fellowship.

All: In our willingness to worship together, in our common action for good, may we find satisfaction in a faithful routine.

One: Many forces of evil confront us as we search for the authentic way.

All: In our readiness to speak out against cruelty and hatred, in our work for the powerless ones, may we stay the course.

Time of silence...

Words of Assurance

One: Know freedom from doubt, know new confidence,
know that your Christian faith will strengthen you!

All: In Christ we are revived and renewed.

One: Pardon and peace are yours.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: **The King of Love**

VU 273

2nd Scripture: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28 (NRSV)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Ministry of Music

"Trees"

(Oscar Rasbach)

Soloist: Autumn Debassige

Sermon: **"A New Definition"**

Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU 374

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)



Offertory

* Offering Response

* Doxology: **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**
VU 541

*Dedication of the Offering

One: We celebrate the ability to give for our fellowship, and to care for others.

All: Receive our gifts, O God, and bless them. Give us joy in our giving, satisfaction as we see our money go to work, and a reminder of all you have given to us, in the life, death, and rising of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **O God of Bethel** VU 650

* Commissioning

One: Deepen our faith, O God:

All: deepen our understanding of your Word; keep us open to the prompting of the Spirit; broaden the scope of our compassionate acts; inspire us to new endeavours in this faith community; enable us to support the world-wide church.

*Benediction

* 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



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**Thank you to Autumn Debassige
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 27: Meet at **St. James'~Rosemount United**
171 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener
Rev. Tim Graham

IN OUR CHURCH



Directory Photos

We are creating a new photo directory.
Be a part of our 2023 SJR Family Photo Album.
We need you to make our directory complete.

Photos will be taken at the church Sept. 13, 14 15, & 16
Schedule your photography appointment today for the
best selection.

- Bookings are open **online** from our Church
Website < SJRUC.ca >

- **In Person** Bookings will be available for the next 3 Sundays before and after worship.
- Bookings **by phone** are available until Sept 6 - Call Teresa @ 519-781-2671

A reminder for committees: Remember to submit your group picture for the photo Directory. See members of the Pastoral Care & Membership Committee if you have questions or EMAIL photo@siruc.ca

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 if you're interested in serving with us.



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.**

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, September 3rd 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.



Join us immediately after the service for a BBQ brunch!

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.

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

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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BWJITJHQHOB LZDGBOK
 DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT
 OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU
 EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU
 RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV