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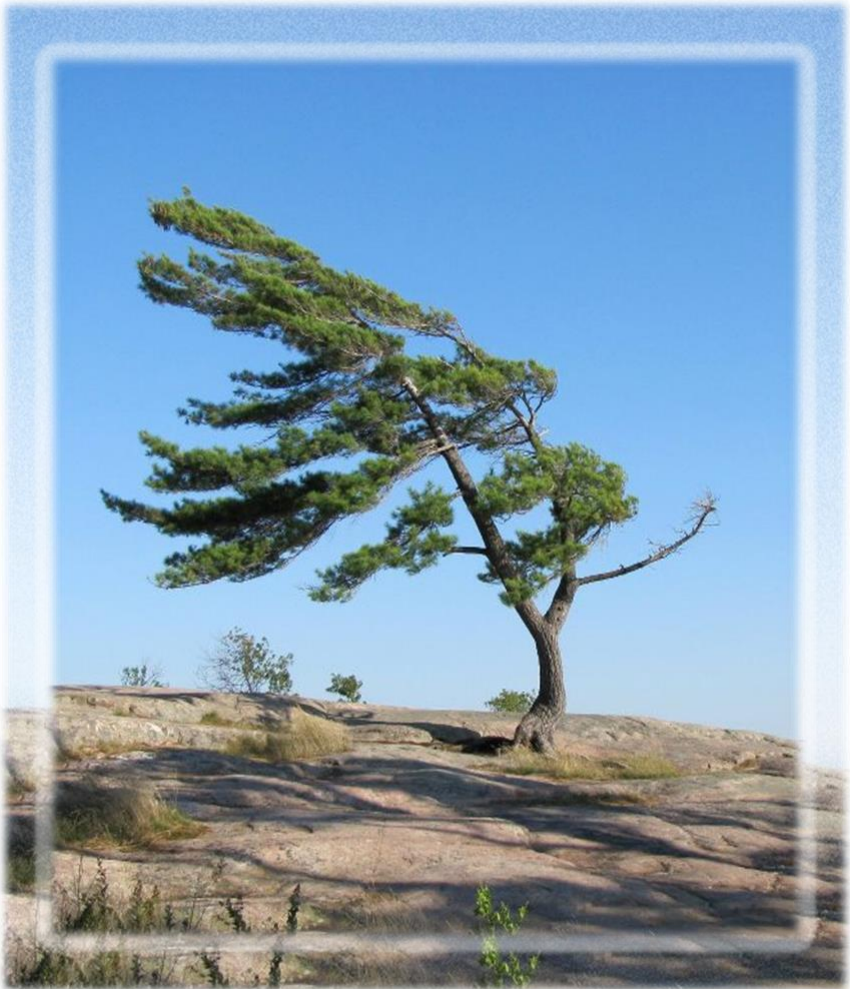
# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**August 27, 2023 - 13<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: The cloud-capped hills are silent evidence of God's power.

**All: The color and variety of trees and flowers, bear witness to the Holy One.**

One: The smile on a baby's face speaks of God's renewing miracle in humankind.

**All: The knowing glance of an older person mirrors the wise, accepting God.**

One: Praise and glory, honor and blessing, be to the God who has created us, the God who has formed us as a community of faith, the God whose love goes beyond the boundaries of time and space.

**All: Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer (*based on Psalm 138*)

\*Opening Hymn **Praise To The Lord, The Almighty** VU 220

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

1st Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Psalm      **Psalm 138** *and sung response*      VU 860

Hymn:      **To Show By Touch And Word**      VU 427

2nd Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon: **“Rocky Road”**

Hymn **I, The Lord of Sea And Sky**

VU 509

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND LOVE**



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca))

Offertory

\* Offering Response

\* Doxology: **Grant Us, God, The Grace**

VU 540

\*Dedication of the Offering

One: Living God, you sustain us with gifts which are life to us;

**All: may these offered gifts be life to this community and to the wider church. May they bring light to those in darkness, and hope to the despairing and fearful.**

One: The life of Jesus is seen in the use of these gifts;

**All: the life to guide and direct us. Amen.**

Prayer of Joys and Concerns and Lord’s Prayer

**WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

\* Closing Hymn

**We Are Pilgrims**

VU 595

\* Commissioning

One: Go to the world. God will change your attitude and set you to work!

**All: We go with minds open to receive new truth; we go with spirits attuned to God's challenging Word; we go with hearts moved to act with compassion; we go as disciples ready to follow Jesus, who is the Way.**

One: God goes with you!

\*Benediction

\* Choral Closing **Halle, Halle, Halle** VU 958

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

Postlude

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**Thank you to Simone Lemieux  
r 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!”**



**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Sept. 3 **Blessing of the Animals 10:30 a.m. on the Labyrinth** stay for BBQ brunch after
- Sept. 7 **Choir**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Sept. 10 **Worship Service 10:30 am** – Sanctuary
- Sept. 13-16 **Photo directory photography** – Rainbow Room (Book your spot today – see announcement)

Check the bulletin board and the website [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) for more information and upcoming events



**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
**September 3rd, at SJRUC at 10:30 a.m.**  
***(note return to regular start time)***

Bring a lawn chair and join us on the Labyrinth for a very special outdoor service that celebrates one of God's special gifts to us: our pets! In the event of rain, the service will be indoors (yes, pets too!) For the safety of all our pets and people, please ensure pets are on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.

Please join us after the service for a BBQ  
breakfast/brunch on the Labyrinth!

**IN OUR CHURCH**

**Photo Directory** We are creating a new photo directory and we want you to 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:

- ***Book online on our Church Website: [SJruc.ca](http://SJruc.ca)***
- ***In-Person Booking will available for the next 3 Sundays before and after the worship service in the Long Sunday School Room.***
- ***Bookings by phone are available until Sept 6 - Call Teresa @ 519-781-2671***

A reminder for committees: submit your group picture for the photo Directory. See members of the Pastoral Care & Membership Committee if you have questions or  
EMAIL: [photo@sjruc.ca](mailto:photo@sjruc.ca)

**If no available time slots work for you:**

- Go to the photo booking page on our website: [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) and fill out the form mentioned at the bottom of the page OR

- Call Teresa at 519-781-2671 OR
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**Welcome back, Choir!** We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you again at the regular choir rehearsals ***beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Rainbow Room.***

**Do you enjoy Gather, Gab & Mingle (GGM)?**

Would you like it to run more often in the fall? If so, we need more volunteers! If you're interested in serving with this team please contact Evelyn S.

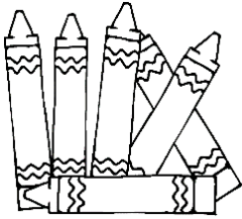


**Seniors' Exercise Classes at SJR**

“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. All 55+ Welcome! No pre-registration required.***

**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. mail@sjruc.ca***



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