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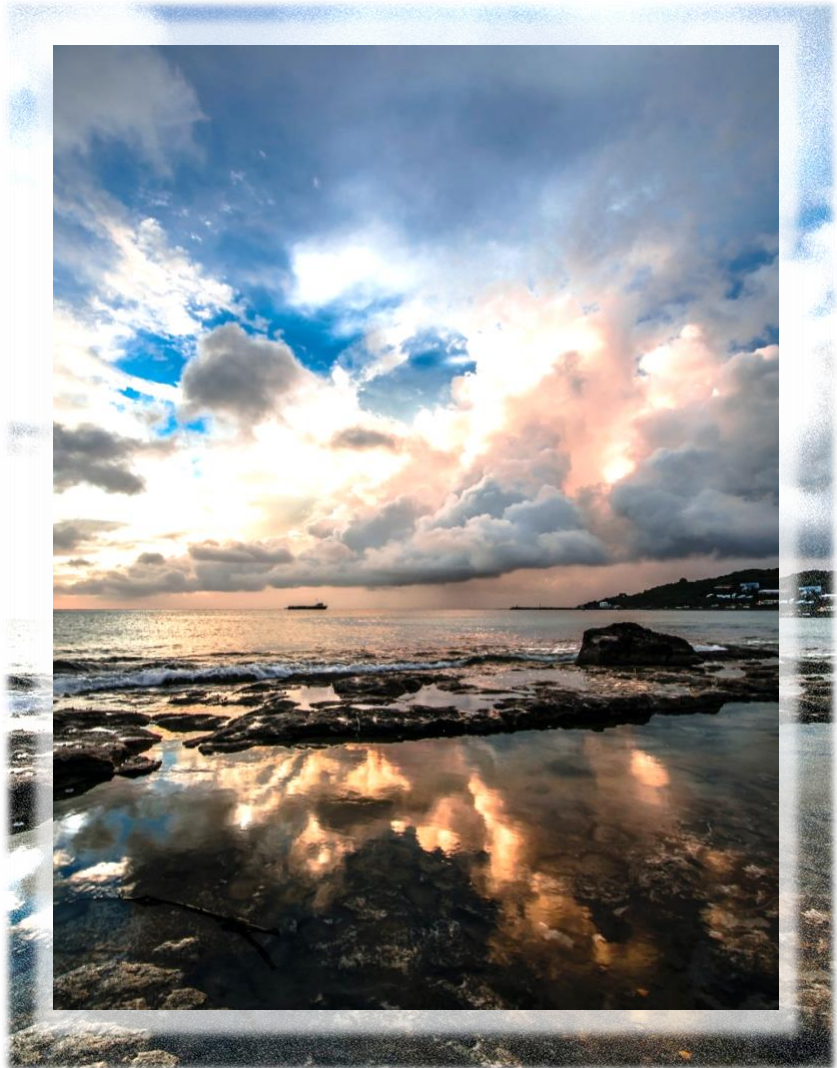
# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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**September 10, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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## Opening Prayer

One: O God, we pray for justice and fairness for this planet, particularly those most impacted by “once in a lifetime” storms that are now regular occurrences, anxiety over housing, food, and all that impacts daily living. Those living in extreme poverty seem to be affected the most, and lack the resources to implement change. Even when we feel helpless, open our hearts to the peace you bring. Encourage us to live with respect in creation, even as we seek your mercy to make the changes we can. For in love we are called to serve one another, modelling the love of Jesus...

## 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 head out to Sunday School!*

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### Scripture Reading (CEB) **Matthew 24: 3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Now while Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the Christ.’ They will deceive many people. <sup>6</sup> You will hear about wars and reports of wars. Don’t be alarmed. These

things must happen, but this isn't the end yet. <sup>7</sup> Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in all sorts of places. <sup>8</sup> But all these things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end. <sup>9</sup> They will arrest you, abuse you, and they will kill you. All nations will hate you on account of my name. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will fall away. They will betray each other and hate each other. <sup>11</sup> Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because disobedience will expand, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be delivered. <sup>14</sup> This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations. Then the end will come.

Anthem

Reflection – *It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine: Climate Change and Immigration anxiety*

Hymn

**Touch the Earth Lightly**

VU 307

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

**This is My Father's World**

(arr. Mark Hayes)

\* 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

**For the Healing of the Nations**

VU 678

\* 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

**Let All Things Now Living**

(arr. Cindy Berry)

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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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The flowers in the front of the Sanctuary today  
are in honour of Art & Marilyn Gibney, who  
celebrated their **65<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniversary  
on Sept 6, 2023. What a milestone!  
Thank you to Art for also sharing the story of  
“Life’s Train Ride” with us today!

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Sept. 12 **Unified Board Meeting** – 7 pm (Committees) & 8 pm (Board)
- Sept. 13-16 **Photo directory photography** – Rainbow Room  
(All spots are full! Please sign the waitlist - see announcement)
- Sept. 14 **Choir Rehearsal** – Parlour 7:30 pm
- Sept. 17 **Worship Service 10:30 am** – Sanctuary  
Start of Sunday School!  
Stay for **Gather, Gab & Mingle after the Service!**
- Sept. 25 **UCW Meeting:** Long Sunday School Room at 7 pm
- Sept. 27 **Faith Study** “Mark” 1pm or 7pm, Parlour

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

## IN OUR CHURCH

**Unified Board Meeting:** *Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>* at 7 pm for some committees (at the discretion of the committee chairs) and ***8 pm for the full Unified Board.***

**Scott Willcox, Treasurer of SJR** new email address: use [scott.sjruc@gmail.com](mailto:scott.sjruc@gmail.com) (or [treasurer@sjruc.ca](mailto:treasurer@sjruc.ca)). Note that the old email address ([scott.willcox@ca.ey.com](mailto:scott.willcox@ca.ey.com)) will no longer be in service after September 28<sup>th</sup> –update your contact info.

**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. The first round of photos is booked and will be taken at the church Sept. 13, 14 15, & 16.



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

**Arrival times for bookings:** For those who have signed up for their photos September 13-16 ***please arrive 30-45 minutes prior to your booking time*** entering through the parking lot Sherwood doors. We will greet you on arrival and direct you to the waiting area. Everyone who has a photo done will have an opportunity to purchase photos. A free directory will be given to everyone who has booked.

**Additional booking dates - TBA:** We are working with the photography company to secure additional dates - more information will follow once we have made these arrangements. Those already on the waiting list will be booked before we make more appointments available. ***Please add your name to the waiting list to make sure we have enough spots.*** Information is on the website for waitlist sign-up.

***Book online (waitlist) on our Church Website: [SJRUC.ca](http://SJRUC.ca) please fill out a quick form on our website (scroll down to the bottom of the page) OR call Teresa at 519-781-2671***

**Welcome back, Choir!** This week we'll meet in the **PARLOUR at 7:30 pm** (the Rainbow Room will be in use by the photographers for the new directory.)



**Sunday School** As we prepare for Sunday School on Sept. 17, a quick update for parents and youth: We are trying something new as we re-divide age groups, meaning there will be Nursery for ages newborn to 4, Primary for ages 5 to 10, and Jr. Youth for 11 and up. With these changes, we are looking to hire a teacher for the Jr. Youth so if you know of anyone interested, please contact the office.



**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.**

**Faith Study: 40 Days Through the Book: Mark- A Bible study.**

Join us as we look at Mark's biography of Jesus and what his words mean to us today. In this six-session study, we are invited 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. If you are interested in joining us on **Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm OR 7 pm to 9 pm beginning Wed. September 27th**, please contact the office and a book will be delivered to you. The cost of the participant book is \$14 each.

**A Change For UCW:** For this church year 2023/2024 we will be meeting on the last Monday of the month, in the Parlour, from **1pm to 3pm**. Please mark this on your calendar and watch for program information.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Rockway Concert In the Gardens today at 2 pm.** Bring your chair this afternoon and join others from SJR. Enjoy Paul Stouffer Jazz - light jazz among late season blooms. Evelyn & Janice (In case of rain the concert moves inside Rockway Centre.)

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**If you are know of anyone needing a visit, let Rev. Chris know.**



# A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*



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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV