
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



September 17, 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome to worship!
We're glad you're here!

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

Prelude in E

(Alexander Scriabin)

*Opening Hymn

Open My Eyes

VU 371

Call to Worship *(adapted from a prayer by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy)*

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**All: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

**All: To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**All: Instead, God calls us to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.
Trusting even when we doubt,
following the mystery of the divine.**

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**All: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

Opening Prayer *(adapted from a prayer by Anne Osdieck)*

One: Lord, let our love be enough. Show us how...
...how to love our neighbours,
how to love ourselves, you, and this world.
Lord let this be.

Take us where we surely need to go.

Let your love be the lens that lets us see,
the power that enlivens our lives,
light that points to the path,
and the very grace that saves us.

Kindly fill us with your love, as Jesus himself was filled
with this same love...

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) **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

¹⁵The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶The Lord God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"... ^{3:1}The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any

tree in the garden?" ² The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees ³ but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! ⁵ God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

Anthem **God Will Take Care of You** (arr. Larry Nickel)
Soloist: Lucy Gill

*Be not dismayed, whate'er betide, God will take care of you.
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.*

Refrain: *God will take care of you through
ev'ry day o'er all the way.*

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

*No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you.
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.*

Refrain

Reflection – *It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel
fine:* Chaos and Conspiracy Theories

Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** MV 12

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)
Thank you to all those who support the ministry of SJR through time, talents and treasures. As the ushers pass along the offering plates we invite those who give through PAR or Pre-Authorized Remittance and those who give a monthly gift, to please put a card into the plate so we can celebrate your generosity. Information on how to sign up to PAR can be obtained through the office. For those who want to contribute online, please check out our website or the QR code above.

Offertory **'Air' from The Water Music** (G. F. Handel)

* 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 **Take My Life and Let it Be** VU506

* Commissioning (*adapted from a prayer by Alcuin of York, 8th Century*)

One: Eternal light shine in our hearts.

Eternal goodness deliver us from evil.

Eternal power be our support.

Eternal wisdom scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal pity, have mercy on us, that with all our heart
and mind and soul and strength we may seek your
face and be brought by your infinite mercy into your
holy presence.

* 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 **Grand Jeu** (*Jean Adam Guilain*)

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**Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available
in the Narthex for you to take home or share.**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sept. 21 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Sept. 24 **Worship Service** – Sanctuary 10:30am
- Sept. 25 **UCW Meeting** – Long Sunday School Room 1pm
- Sept. 27 **Faith Study** “Mark” – Parlour 1pm or 7pm

Check the bulletin board and the website sjruc.ca
for more information and upcoming events

IN OUR CHURCH

Thanks to Art Gibney for sharing this reading honouring his and Marilyn's 65th Wedding Anniversary last week

Life's Train Ride

At birth we boarded a train and met our parents, and believed they would always travel by our side. However at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant ie: our siblings friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum, while others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they have vacated their seats.

1. The train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.
2. The mystery to everyone is: we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down from the train. So we must live in the best way possible, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.
3. I wish each of you a successful journey on your train.
4. Reap success and give lots of love... More importantly I thank God for my journey and thank you for being ONE OF THE PASSENGERS ON MY TRAIN

Access to SJR For the next couple of months, accessing the church parking lot will be moved to Kensington Ave. Please look for the signs, as the intersection at Krug and Sherwood will be closed. Thanks for your patience!

Food Bank Collection The need is great, and as a result the M & O Committee of SJRUC will be organizing its 2nd fundraiser in 2023 for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank which will take place from Sunday September 17th until Thursday evening October 19th when a pickup truck will be in the church parking lot from 6:00PM to 7:30PM to collect donated food items for delivery the next day.. Our goal for this fundraiser will be to collect at least 400lb of food items plus cash donations of at least \$1,200. A table will be set up in the usual location within the church to collect donated food items. GO TEAM GO!

Photo Directory Thank you for all those who had their photos taken already in helping to create our 2023 SJR Family Photo Album! Everyone



who has a photo done will have an opportunity to purchase photos. A free directory will be given to everyone who has booked. We are now looking to fill our waiting list.

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.** We need to demonstrate to the company that there is enough interest. Information is on the website for waitlist sign-up.

Book online (waitlist) on our Church Website: 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

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

Sunday School 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.

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.



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 Jan cso@golden.net or call the office and a book will be delivered to you. The cost of the participant book is \$14 each.

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