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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Thanksgiving

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**October 8, 2023 – Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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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.*

Opening Hymn Sing

\*Hymn

**Make a Joyful Noise**

VU 820

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *paraphrase of Psalm 100 from VU 824*

One: Shout to God, all the earth:

**All: worship God with gladness and joy.**

One: Come before God with laughter,

**All: our maker to whom we belong.**

One: To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

**All: let us raise our voices in song.**

One: Come to God's gates with thanks;

**All: come to God's courts with praise.**

One: Praise and bless God's name, saying

**All: "Truly you are good:**

One: you are always gracious,

**All: and faithful age after age."**

Opening Prayer

One: O God, so often we take that which surrounds us,  
for granted.

Our friends, our family, the people who love us,  
even you our God.

We take for granted the love that is like oxygen to us,  
the love that keeps us alive.

Forgive us for not acknowledging or appreciating,  
love like that. Open our eyes. Re-form our hearts.

Help us to be thankful in all circumstances.  
Give us faith enough to see you in everything  
and everyone around us,  
so that we may live grateful lives.  
In Christ's name we pray.

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) **1 Thessalonians 5:12-24**

<sup>12</sup> Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. <sup>13</sup> Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup> Pray continually. <sup>18</sup> Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Don't suppress the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, <sup>21</sup> but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and

blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. <sup>24</sup> The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Anthem

**Look at the World**

(John Rutter)

*Look at the world, ev'rything all around us:  
Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.*

*Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing,  
All things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain: Refrain*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest, before the winter's cold.  
Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season,  
'Til it is gathered to the Father's fold: Refrain*

*Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord In token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;  
His is the earth and his the heavens above: Refrain*

Reflection

Give thanks in every situation

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

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://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

**Prelude on "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"**

(Johann Christoph Bach)

Hymn **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Music: Old 100<sup>th</sup>, Words © 2013 Kurt Struckmeyer

***Praise life that makes us change and grow***

***Praise love that makes compassion flow***

***Praise peace that ends all strife and fear***

***Praise hands that work for justice here***

***Praise ears that hear the children's cries***

***Praise truth that counters cruel lies***

***Praise hearts that value human worth***

***Praise lives that build a better earth***

***Praise eyes that see all human need***

***Praise minds that cast out selfish greed***

***Praise lips that challenge those in power***

***Praise those who struggle every hour***

***Praise faith that keeps us ever strong***

***Praise hope that triumphs over wrong***

***Praise dreams that make our spirits rise***

***Praise voices raised in joyful cries***

\*Offering Response (please stand as you are able)

VU 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***praise God, all creatures high and low;***

***give thanks to God in love made known:***

***Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

\*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

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

\* Closing Hymn **For the Fruit of All Creation**

VU 227

\* 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 **Now Thank We All Our God** (Johann Sebastian Bach)

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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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### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Oct. 10 **Executive Meeting** – Parlour 7pm
- Oct. 11 **Faith Study** “Mark” – Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Oct. 12 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Oct. 15 **Worship Service** —Sanctuary 10:30 am –  
***Stay for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service!***

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

### IN OUR CHURCH

**Access to SJR Parking Lot** For the coming months, the driveway to access the church parking lot has been relocated to Kensington Ave. Please look for the signs, as the intersection at Krug and Sherwood will be closed. Thanks for your patience as this road work progresses!



**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, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> until Thursday evening Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> when a pickup truck will be in the church parking lot from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm to collect donated food items for delivery the next day. Our goal for this fundraiser is 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!***

**Membership at SJR** We are hoping to have a Membership Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in transferring your membership or joining by profession of faith, please speak to Rev. Chris. We are grateful to share this journey with you!

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



**Additional booking dates NOW AVAILABLE!**

Book online 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

**Mon Oct 30** 1:30-8:30pm, **Tues Oct 31** 10:00-4:00pm

**Thurs Nov 23** 1:30-8:30pm **Fri Nov 24** 1:30-8:30pm

**Sat Nov 25** 9:30am- 4:30pm **Please add your name to the waiting list and someone will contact you asap.**

**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.

**Seniors' Exercise Classes at SJR** "SMART" (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) ® program is for anyone 55+ years or any adult living with a disability who wants to improve their strength, balance, & mobility through low-impact exercise. Work at your own pace, wear comfortable clothing & supportive shoes. Exercises can be completed seated or standing. ***Classes in the SJR Gym Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. No pre-registration required.***

**Sunday School** update for parents and youth: We are trying something new as we re-divide age groups. There will be Nursery for ages newborn to 4, Primary for ages 5 to 10, and Jr. Youth for 11+. 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.

**Currency for Kids** It is estimated that over \$2 Billion in global currency can currently be found in homes and businesses across Canada. These are the coins (or bills) left in the bottom of your suitcase from a trip abroad. Maybe they are in the junk drawer, a jar or in your desk. In support of Family & Children's Services of the Waterloo Region, the UCW is inviting you to find those forgotten coins and bring them to church! Look for the green collection bin in the Narthex. The currency will be repatriated to their countries of origin, and we will receive the proceeds in Canadian currency.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Concert:** Join the Grand Philharmonic Adult and Youth Choirs, University of Waterloo Chamber Choir, acclaimed soloists and musicians of the KW Symphony as they present Mozart's "Requiem" and Estacio's "The Houses Stand Not Far Apart" at the **Center in the Square on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are available through the Center box office. See the bulletin board outside the Rainbow Room for further information.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER & BAKE SALE** Mark your calendar! Westminster's **Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale** fundraiser is back and will take place on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Dinner includes spaghetti with choice of sauce (meat or vegetarian), salad, rolls and beverages! Free-will offering. Yummy home-baked goods will be available for sale as well. All are welcome - spread the word to friends, family and co-workers, and invite them to attend! We look forward to seeing you there.

### Some Thanksgiving humour: 😊

Why did the turkey decline dessert? *Because it was stuffed.*

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

*To prove he wasn't a chicken.*



What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

*Your nose.*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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