
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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.

Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Berceuse

(Louis Vierne)

*Opening Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 509

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Richard Bott*

One: As people, as a group, as a community of faith –

All: we gather in this place.

One: To listen (with patience).

All: to speak (with courage).

One: to worship (deeply)

All: to pray (unceasingly).

One: to be with God (here, as in our world).

Because we know –

**All: it is out of God's power, it is out of God's love,
that we live. And all should be blessed likewise!**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Mary Jo Bowman*

One: So...how shall we worship our God? We know that we are all called, and what the Lord requires of us: to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Leave empty talk and pride behind.

We must walk the walk, as we step out in faith, even into troubled waters.

Don't be afraid, God knows where we need to go.

Jesus will guide our steps along the way,

Teaching us to walk humbly, to love boldly,

To serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength.

Let us pray for the humility and courage

To follow where the Spirit leads, for the good of this earth... for God so loves this world...

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.**

Hymn

Magic Penny

© 1955, 1959 Universal-Northern Music Company, words and music:
Malvina Reynolds

***Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.***

***It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.***

***For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.***

***So let's go dancing till the break of day,
And if there's a piper, we can pay.
For love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.***

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Give it away, give it away.
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You end up having more.***

Story Time

Youth and Children are invited to head out to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Exodus 32:1-14**

¹ The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him." ² Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!" ⁶ They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate. ⁷ The Lord spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything!" ⁸ They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you." ¹¹ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, "Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your

servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" ¹⁴ Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things God said he would do to his people.

Anthem

Offertory

(John Ness Beck)

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man;
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

Reflection – *Enough*, Adam Hamilton - "Wisdom and Finance"

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

Sinfonia

(J.S. Bach)

* Offering Response Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter

***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.***

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Though Ancient Walls** VU 691

* 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 **‘Andante’ from Voluntary V** *(John Stanley)*

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**Best wishes for a very Happy Birthday to
Suanne Crouse who will be celebrating
her 70th birthday on Tuesday, October 17th!**

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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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**After the service today please join us in the
Rainbow Room for some refreshments at
“Gather, Gab & Mingle!”**



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Oct. 18 **Faith Study** “Mark” – Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Oct. 19 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Oct. 22 **Worship Service** —Sanctuary 10:30 am

Next Gather, Gab & Mingle: Nov. 5th

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

IN OUR CHURCH



Food Bank Collection The need is great, and so we are running our 2nd fundraiser of 2023 for the Food Bank *until Thursday, Oct. 19th* when a pickup truck will be in the church parking lot from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm to collect donated food items. Our goal is to collect over 400 pounds of food items plus cash donations of at least \$1,200. A table is set up in the foyer to collect food items. **GO TEAM GO!**

Membership at SJR We are hoping to have a Membership Sunday on October 29th. 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!

UCW: We're having a Hallowe'en Party for the women of SJR on Monday, **October 30th from 1pm to 3pm.** Find your costume, bring a friend and come join the fun! We'll meet in the Parlour for a brief "get to know you business meeting" and then head to the long Sunday School Room for some fun and games. Hallowe'en 'scary nibbles' to follow.

Currency for Kids Over \$2 Billion in global currency can likely be found in homes & 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 on Sunday.

Photo Directory Additional booking dates now available. **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. Fill out a form on our website sjruc.ca (scroll down to the bottom of the page) OR call Teresa at 519-781-2671 **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your booking time** enter through the parking lot Sherwood doors.

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 through the Center box office. See the bulletin board outside the Rainbow Room.

The Peace Candle Story – from Stirling Methodist Church

Years ago, a couple from America visited a Cathedral in Moscow. They noticed people coming into the church, dropping a coin into a box, taking a candle, lighting it, putting it on a stand, and praying. Some prayed for a short time, others longer. It seemed to these visitors that this cathedral was never without someone praying. One woman, having finished praying started to leave, then suddenly turned back, dropped a coin in the box and took a candle. Instead of lighting it she turned to the two visitors and gave them the candle and said to them. 'When you go back to your own country and go to your church take this candle, light it and pray for peace'. With that she turned and left.

The American visitors were Baptists, and didn't burn candles in their church, so they met with their minister to share the story. He responded: 'Bring the candle to church on Sunday and at the beginning of the service I will invite you to come forward. You will tell the story of the candle, put it on the communion table, light it and lead us in a prayer for peace'.

Near the end of the service, when the candle was in danger of burning out, the minister produced another larger candle, lit it from the first and placed it on the communion table. At the next service he lit the candle again and again prayed for peace.

After a few weeks the congregation was buzzing with conversation about this candle. If an unknown Russian woman could give their church a simple candle and challenge them to pray for peace why shouldn't they give candles to their friends in other churches and challenge them to pray for peace. So they did, and in giving away the candles they told the story of the Russian woman. They also challenged churches to give a candle to another church or churches and ask them to do the same.

So the Candle of Peace, as it became known, was passed from church to church, it came to Scotland, to Leith Methodist Church, and then to Stirling Methodist church who received the candle on the last Sunday in August 1989. In every act of worship since then they have lit a candle and prayed for peace.

Stirling Methodist Church has in turn sent candles to other churches asking them to place them in their churches and pray for peace. These churches have been in the USA, Tent of Nations in Palestine, India, South Africa, Fiji, Australia, and Germany as well as in the U.K. The UK churches include Manchester after the bombing and Nottinghill after the Grenfell Tower Fire disaster. More recently members took a candle to the JAZZ church in Birmingham, and they gave one to Padre Stuart Young of the 3 Rifles based in Edinburgh.

Now thanks to Doug and Alison Riddell, the Peace Candle has also been received at St. James' ~Rosemount United Church from Stirling Methodist Church, Scotland.

We pray for peace, not just between people but also for peace between people and the rest of the planet.