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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



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**October 29, 2023 – Membership 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.*

Welcome & Announcements  
Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude                    **Gymnopedie No. 1**                    *(Erik Satie)*

\*Opening Hymn            **Today We All Are Called**                    VU 507

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi*

One: God of the prophets, call to us today

**All: Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

One: God of the poets,  
remind us again how much you love us

**All: Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you

**All: To experience deep spirituality to recognize the divine in our midst, bold discipleship to take steps on our journey of faith, and daring justice as we live into peace for all people.**

One: God of all creation, help us to know your ways

**All: We gather to hear your call,  
to sing your praise, to teach each other,  
to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Cheryl Lawrie*

One: It takes little faith to see the sacred in the extraordinary.

To have faith the sacred is in the ordinary, though,  
takes courage to believe the mundane can be enough;

that grace can emerge even through the dull,  
the slightly disappointing, the not quite right,  
not quite as we intended, not really what we hoped;  
the clumsy, the awkward, and the imperfect.

Let your act of faith be  
to let what you do be enough.

Let what you do be enough...

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      **I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry**      VU 644

Story Time – Receiving New Members

Karen Bell  
Doug and Loren Harrison  
Marney Heatley  
Gay Lichty  
Connie Mills  
Mearle Morton  
Jenn Van Loon  
Ernie and Betty Vannatter

Words of Faith – A New Creed

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Scripture Reading (CEB) **2 Corinthians 9:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>This is why I thought it was necessary to encourage the brothers to go to you ahead of time and arrange in advance the generous gift you have already promised. I want it to be a real gift from you. I don't want you to feel like you are being forced to give anything. <sup>6</sup>What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. <sup>7</sup>Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, *He scattered everywhere; he gave to the needy; his righteousness remains forever.*<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>10</sup>The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop which is righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. <sup>12</sup>Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. <sup>13</sup>They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. <sup>14</sup>They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding grace that God has given to you. <sup>15</sup>Thank God for the gift that words can't describe!

Anthem

## Take My Life

(Carmine Lappano)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let it sing, always only for my King,  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold,  
take my intellect and use every pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

Reflection – *Enough*, Adam Hamilton - “Defined by Generosity”

## 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 **Litany for the Feast of All Souls** (Schubert)

Solo: Roland Kessler English translation © Richard Wigmore

*May all souls rest in peace;  
those whose fearful torment is past;  
those whose sweet dreams are over;  
those sated with life, those barely born,  
who have left this world: may all souls rest in peace!*

*And those who never smiled at the sun,  
who lay awake beneath the moon on beds of thorns,  
so that they might one day see God face to face  
in the pure light of heaven:*

*may all who have departed hence,  
may all souls rest in peace!*

- \* 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 **God of Life** VU 528  
*Sung to VU559 – Come O Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

\* 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 **Prelude in d Minor** *(J.S. Bach)*

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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:**

- Nov. 1 **Faith Study** "Mark" – Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Nov. 2 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Nov 5 **Remembrance Day Service** - Sanctuary 10:30 am  
– *stay after the service for Gather, Gab & Mingle*  
*(our next G,G&M is November 19)*

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

## IN OUR CHURCH

**UCW: TOMORROW** We're having a Hallowe'en Party for the women of SJR on Monday, **October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 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.

**Nov 5 - Remembrance Sunday** - We would like as a part of our Remembrance Sunday, to fill the Communion table with pictures of family members that served over the years. If you have a picture of a loved one that you wouldn't mind sharing with us, we would be honoured to include it, and would ask you to bring it either on October 29 or November 5. If you could ensure your name is on your photo (masking tape on the back is perfect) that would ensure we get back your photo after service.

**The Sharing Place** will be **Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1 -4:00 pm and Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 9- 12 pm at St Luke's Lutheran Church** at 317 Franklin St N. We need donations of all clothing, but especially winter clothes for children and adults, household items, bedding, towels, toys etc. Advertising flyers are going out to ESL students, people new to Canada, and to the neighbourhood. In addition to donations we need volunteers at the event. If you can help, please call Carol 519-743-1335 or Laurie 519-897-0312 or Muriel 519-893-8124. Donations can be dropped off here at SJR – at the Caring Bins near the Narthex or at St Luke's clearly labelled "SHARING PLACE".

**Currency for Kids** Over \$2 Billion in global currency is likely to be found in homes & businesses across Canada. These are coins or bills left in the bottom of your suitcase from a trip abroad, or the junk drawer, or a jar or in your desk. The UCW invites you to find those forgotten coins and bring them to SJR to support Family & Children's Services of the Waterloo Region! On Sundays look for the green collection bin in the foyer on the table under the bulletin board.

**Photo Directory Additional booking dates 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. Complete 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 at the Sherwood doors.

**Faith Study:** “Advent Conspiracy - Can Christmas Still Change the World?” Join us in the Parlour on ***Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>*** as we take a look at how we can make Christmas a joyous celebration of Jesus’ birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.

**Food Bank Fundraiser Success!** Our church recently partook in a successful fundraiser for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank, and as a result we were able to deliver 270 lbs of food items on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Once monetary donations tabulated a cheque will also be sent to the Food Bank. If we include the food delivered as a result of a previous food drive earlier in 2023, we have been able to deliver 500 lb (1/4 ton) of food. Thank you to all members of SJRUC for once again generously supporting the Food Bank during this rather challenging time for many people within the Waterloo Region.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**LGBTQ+ and Allies Potluck** *Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb. St. E., Waterloo* Finding a Safe Space for your Health Care Future: Is Hospice Right For You? For the LGBTQIA+ community, assisted health care can be a terrifying prospect! What has hospice done to make a safe space for you? Learn about Hospice Waterloo Region Programs ***Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>*** Bring your own meal, or food to share for the LGBTQ+ and Allies Potluck **Meet at 6 pm, Eat at 6:30.** A free-will offering is accepted.. *RSVP to Liz at [eforde@sentex.ca](mailto:eforde@sentex.ca)*

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