
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

Remembrance Day



November 5, 2023 – Remembrance Day Sunday
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

*(Please stand for the **Silent** Advance of the Colours and Procession of our Veterans)*

* Advance The Colours

* Placing Of The Wreath

* Recognition Of The Veterans:
Douglas Harrison

* Last Post: Alanna Collins – *Trumpet*

* One Minute Silence

* They Shall Not Grow Old

One: They shall not grow old as we grow old, age shall not weary them or years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them

All: We shall remember them.

* Reveille/ The Rouse Alanna Collins – *Trumpet*

* National Anthem **O Canada** VU 524

* Present the Colours

* In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by John van de Laar*

One: Can it be that easy, Jesus? Is it that hard?

That what you want for us is just to love

and be loved? To risk letting love change this world?

How can it be when those who have hardly tried at all,
who have damaged themselves and others so much,
that leaves them no where to turn...

how are these the ones you search out? Do we need
to exhaust our efforts before we turn to you?

How do we make sense of this, Jesus?

How do we love so scandalously, so inclusively?

How do we allow ourselves to be loved enough,
that all our hard and sharp edges
grow soft and round?

Can we ever have as much patience as you have,
for ourselves? For the world?

That we may finally learn your way of love, we pray.

Help us to find the humility and courage,

the boldness and grace,

that in our loving and being loved,

we may somehow ignite our world with a compassion
so fierce

that violence and abuse,

rejection and condemnation,

neglect and greed,

war and the profits made by death,

the diminishing of all that love can do...that all of this
become unthinkable.

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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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***Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.***

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

***To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.***

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **John 15:9-17**

⁹“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. ¹²This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

Anthem

Hope Lingers On *(Lissa Schneckenburger)*

My mother, when love is gone (2x)

In our darkest hour hope lingers on

*My father, when peace is gone (2x)
In our darkest hour hope lingers on*

**Refrain: *I will not hate, and I will not fear
In our darkest hour, hope lingers here***

*My sister, when equality's gone (2x)
In our darkest hour hope lingers on*

*My brother, with tolerance gone (2x)
In our darkest hour hope lingers on* **Refrain**

*My love, when honor is gone (2x)
In our darkest hour hope lingers on*

*My country, when justice is gone (2x)
In our darkest hour hope lingers on* **Refrain (2x)**

Reflection – Remain in love

Hymn

O for a World

VU 697

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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 donate by PAR can be obtained through the office mail@sjruc.ca 519-742-1002.

For those who wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please visit our website sjruc.ca or scan this QR code:



Offertory **I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ** (J.S. Bach)

* 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 **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** VU 806

* 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 **Solemn Melody** *(Henry Walford Davies)*

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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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*A Special Thanks for Alanna Collins,
who provided the trumpet music for
our Remembrance service this morning.*

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Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!

Come and enjoy some refreshments together
in the Rainbow Room after the service!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Nov. 8 **Faith Study** "Mark" – Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Nov. 9 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Nov. 12 **Worship Service** - Sanctuary 10:30 am
- Nov. 14 **Executive Board Meeting**
- Nov. 19 **Worship Service** - Stay after the Service for Gather, Gab & Mingle
- Nov. 21 **Unified Board Meeting** 8 p.m. (some committees at 7 p.m.)
- Nov. 24 & 25 **Sharing Place @ St. Luke's Lutheran** (see announcement)

Check the bulletin board & the website sjruc.ca for upcoming events.

IN OUR CHURCH

Thank you to all who shared pictures of a loved one for the special service today. We were deeply honoured to be able to include them. Please remember to pick them up after the service today or make arrangements to pick them up during the coming week.

The Sharing Place will be ***Friday Nov 24th 1 -4:00 pm and Saturday, Nov 25th 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.

SJRUC's Annual Fundraiser for OneRoof Youth Services will run from ***Sunday, November 5th until Thursday evening December 7th***. A table will be set up in the foyer to collect donated items. Please check the list provided of the items most appreciated by this very important local charity. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. If donating by cheque make the cheque payable to SJRUC, and if donating cash make sure to indicate the purpose of the donation and your identity (for tax return if required) on the accompanying envelope. Final pickup of donated items will take place in the church parking lot on Thursday evening, December 7th, between 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Annual Committee Reports It's that time of year again! :) Committee reports are due at the SJR Office no later than **Dec. 31, 2022.** (Email mail@sjruc.ca - either in a Word document or in the body of an email.)

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 8th** 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.

Photo Directory Additional booking dates available. 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.

Food Bank Fundraiser Success! Our church recently was able to deliver 270 lbs of food items to the Waterloo Regional Food Bank. Once monetary donations are totaled 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

INSHALLAH, a community concert with 100+ voices and 6-piece band, singing global songs on the theme of "I CHOOSE LOVE." This 75-minute program under the direction of Debbie-Lou Ludolph is NO COST and held at Knox Waterloo, 50 Erb St. W. We often sing songs of Peace and Justice
Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 pm.

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