
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



November 12, 2023

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

*Opening Hymn

Let there Be Light

VU 679

Call to Worship

One: In our lives

All: We are seeking the light

One: In our neighbourhoods

All: We are seeking the light

One: In our families

All: We are seeking the light

One: In our world

All: We are seeking the light

One: Jesus Christ came to bring light

to us who were overshadowed,

to those who lived in fear, those whose joy was lost.

Jesus came to bring a light that the world could not
extinguish. We live in this light!

Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer

One: That there may be more love on earth, Lord,
we ask you to help us, understand one another better,
and make kindness our first reaction, so we pray:

All: Lord, let your light shine in us.

One: That there may be greater justice on earth,

as budgets break us, and as corporations convince us that there's not enough to go around, and as governments refuse to consider those last and least,

All: Lord, let your light shine with us.

One: That there may be more peace on earth, not just in the obvious places of conflict and destruction, but in the hearts of you and I, who are so easily divided, bear grudges, and refuse forgiveness, we pray:

All: Lord, let your light shine through us.

One: God, we pray that your light may shine on all the earth. In all that we do, and even that we wished we could do, may we let our words and actions reflect the light of your love, in the name of Jesus...

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) **Matthew 25:1-13**

¹ "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. ² Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. ⁴ But the wise ones took their lamps and also

brought containers of oil. ⁵“When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷“Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. ⁸But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’ ⁹“But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won’t be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut. ¹¹“Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’ ¹²“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ ¹³“Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.

Anthem

Like a River in my Soul

(Tim Osiek)

I’ve got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I’ve got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you’re lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I’ve got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul

I’ve got joy, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul

When your hope nearly dies, just remember,

once again you shall rise!

I’ve got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, in my soul.

Reflection – *Enough*, Adam Hamilton - “Cultivating Contentment”

Hymn

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

***Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.***

Refrain **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.** Refrain

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.** Refrain

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.** Refrain

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

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 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

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**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 **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** VU 481

* 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

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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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**Thank you to our guest organist
Dr. Gerald Manning and also to Xander Bechard
who filled in with the choir this morning!
Your willingness to be available on short notice
is very much appreciated!**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Nov. 14 **Executive Board Meeting**
- Nov. 15 **Faith Study** "Mark" – Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Nov. 16 **Choir Rehearsal** – Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- 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)
- Dec. 2 **Cookie Walk and Ticket Draw** – 9:30 am (vounteers needed!)

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

IN OUR CHURCH

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. Advertisements are going out to ESL students, people new to Canada, and to the neighbourhood. We also need volunteers at the event! If you can help, 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". Thank you for caring!

Cookie Walk & Auction: Our Annual Cookie Walk and Ticket Draw is **Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Christmas**

Cookies and Auction Items are needed. Sign-up sheets are outside the Rainbow Room and in the Narthex. Bring your cookies and donations of Silent Auction items to the church on Dec. 1st, 3-4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

If it is more convenient to bring your auction donation earlier it may be left on the stage. Be sure to mark it "Ticket Draw". Thank you! Proceeds support SJRUC.



SJRUC's Annual Fundraiser for OneRoof Youth Services is running now until **Thursday evening December 7th**. A table is 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 it 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, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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 near the name tags under the bulletin board.

Office hours @ SJR Office hours will be shifting to afternoons Tues- Fri after 1:30 p.m. starting Nov. 21st. As always, it's best to call or email ahead to make an appointment.

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.

UCW Christmas We're having our UCW Christmas Dinner and
Candlelight Communion 2023 on **Tuesday, December 12th**. We
have ordered in a delicious turkey dinner from DeliWorks. Join us
at 5:45pm for dinner and conversation.

The Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 7:00pm. All
women are welcome! The catered dinner and desserts "Potluck
Style" (bring your own dishes and cutlery - beverages provided)
will be \$25.00 per person. Gluten-free options are available. Call
Muriel: 519-893-8124 or Jan: 519-741-0061 to book your dinner
by December 4th. Put your payment in an envelope marked
"UCW CHRISTMAS DINNER" and drop it off at the church or call
Bernice and pay by e-transfer - pay-UCW@sjruc.ca. All dinners
must be pre-paid.

Photo Directory Additional booking dates available for
November. Complete a form on our website sjruc.ca (bottom of
the page) OR call Teresa at 519-781-2671.

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 **TODAY Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 pm.**

Visit the bulletin boards in the foyer for many more community events!

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