
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



January 14, 2024

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

The Lone Wild Bird

(Wilbur Held)

*Opening Hymn **Praise with Joy the World's Creator** VU312

Opening Litany

One: Oh, God, you know what I am doing.
You know what I am thinking – even before I say it.
And you know me, and you love me,

All: here and there, always and everywhere.

One: Oh, God, you were with me when I was young, even
before I can remember.

You made me so wonderfully – you knew what I
looked like before I was born.

And you know me, and you love me,

All: here and there, always and everywhere.

One: You are great, God, so great and kind and caring.
You have given me the gift of family and friends.
And you know me, and you love me,

All: here and there, always and everywhere.

One: Oh, God, your love is big!
Wherever I go, your love is there.
Your love surrounds me like a shawl.
And you know me, and you love me,

All: here and there, always and everywhere.

One: Love like that, that sees and knows,

that chooses to love in spite of fault and failure,
that rejoices in joy, and brings out the good,
love like that changes lives...
for Jesus came to show that same love,
and so we pray, using his words,

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 (CEV) **Psalm 139:1-18**

You have looked deep into my heart, Lord,
and you know all about me.

² You know when I am resting or when I am working,
and from heaven you discover my thoughts.

³ You notice everything I do and everywhere I go.

⁴ Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say,

⁵ and with your powerful arm you protect me from every side.

⁶ I can't understand all of this!

Such wonderful knowledge is far above me.

⁷ Where could I go to escape from your Spirit
or from your sight?

⁸ If I were to climb up to the highest heavens,
you would be there.

If I were to dig down to the world of the dead
you would also be there.

- ⁹ Suppose I had wings like the dawning day
and flew across the ocean.
- ¹⁰ Even then your powerful arm would guide and protect me.
- ¹¹ Or suppose I said, "I'll hide in the dark until night comes
to cover me over."
- ¹² But you see in the dark because daylight and dark
are all the same to you.
- ¹³ You are the one who put me together
inside my mother's body,
- ¹⁴ and I praise you because of the wonderful way
you created me.
- Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt.
- ¹⁵ Nothing about me is hidden from you!
I was secretly woven together out of human sight,
- ¹⁶ but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed.
Even before I was born, you had written in your book
everything about me.
- ¹⁷ Your thoughts are far beyond my understanding,
much more than I could ever imagine.
- ¹⁸ I try to count your thoughts, but they outnumber the grains
of sand on the beach.
And when I awake, I will find you nearby.

Anthem

The Potter's Hand

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

*Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand
And crafted into your perfect plan
You gently called me into your presence
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord, to live all of my life
through Your eyes
I'm captured by your holy calling
Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray
Take me and mold me, use me, fill me
I give my life to the Potter's hand
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand*

Reflection

Known

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 **Prelude in B Minor** (Frederic Chopin)

* 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 **Loving Spirit** VU 387

* 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

Trumpet Voluntary

(Henry Heron)

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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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In Loving Memory



Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary by
Fern Ward and Family with love
in memory of Donald Ward

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Jan. 16 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Jan. 17 **Faith Study "Moses"** - Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Jan. 18 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Jan. 18 **Choir Rehearsal**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Jan. 21 **Worship Service** 10:30 am – Stay for Gather, Gab & Mingle!

Upcoming dates for Gather, Gab & Mingle: February 4 & 18, 2024

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

IN OUR CHURCH

Upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting

February 4th at 10:30 am. We will again be combining the AGM with our regular worship service on February 4th at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to join us for our meeting in the Sanctuary as we honour the work of 2023 and make plans for 2024. During the meeting, the children will be gathering as usual for Sunday School. While we will be live-streaming the meeting, participation is limited to those attending in-person.

Printed Annual Reports will be available *next Sunday*, February 21, 2024. They will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary in the Narthex. We ask that you only take one per household for the time being, until we're sure everyone has one. Please remember to bring them back with you for our Annual General Meeting on February 4th.

New Year, New Commitment? As we prepare for our annual meeting on February 4th, this is a time to consider getting involved in the "behind the scenes" work of St. James'~Rosemount. We have several committees that need help (Worship, Christian Education, Community Garden Coordinator) and several more that you're welcome to sit in on if you want to learn more about that particular ministry as we care for our building (Property), care for our people (Membership and Pastoral Care), or care for those beyond our walls (Mission and Outreach). If you're interested in learning more about the work of our church beyond Sunday morning, please speak to Steve Wardell, Chair of the Unified Board, or Rev. Chris.

Remit #1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization It has been mentioned a few times from the pulpit about the proposed change to the United Church of Canada, to great fulfill steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, particularly through Remit #1. At our Unified Board Meeting held on January 9, after discussion, we voted unanimously to support this remit, and discussed some steps SJR might take as we live out our call to right relationship with all God's people.



Directory Update: Please check the large print directory placed in the foyer by the offices and make any necessary changes to your information. Please leave this draft directory on the table.

Gather, Gab & Mingle Needs Volunteers! Join a fun team in making this regular event possible! If interested, please contact the church office: mail@sjruc.ca



Special Gifts Fund Allocations: The Special Gifts Fund Committee invites applications for a share of the interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2024. Please ensure that your application is in writing, is supported by the appropriate church committee, and that you indicate that you will spend any allocation by the end of 2024. Please send your application to Valerie Hoag at mail@sjruc.ca or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.

Donations of Yarn: The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee is looking for donations of yarn for our Easter project this year. Each item in the project requires Worsted Weight (#4) yarn; bright yellow (approx. 50g per item), white, black, and orange (small amounts). If you know how to crochet and would be interested in helping with the Easter project, and/or you have yarn to donate, please contact Teresa Carse no later than Monday, January 22.

Faith Study: MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet. Join us ***Wednesdays, from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm*** as we retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. Adam Hamilton will take us from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information archaeological data and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. If you have any questions please contact the Office at mail@sjruc.ca

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