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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



"THIS IS MY BELOVED...  
LISTEN TO HIM."  
Matthew 17:5 ESV

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**February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration 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 gives our thanks for their conservancy.*

Welcome & Announcements  
Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies** (arr. Cindy Berry)

\*Hymn **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky** VU 509

Opening Litany *adapted from words by Christine Jerrett and Leonard Cohen*

One: *Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in*

**All: the light gets in...**

One: Because of the broken places, the light gets in,  
through people and places  
unwilling to pretend all is right with the world...

**All: the light gets in...**

One: When Jesus went to pray on the mountain,  
his glory was revealed, the light of one life,  
on his way to the cross.

**All: the light gets in...**

One: We do not live on mountaintops,  
but we, too, would glimpse your glory  
in the ordinary days of our lives,  
and in this community, gathering around the light.

**All: We look for you among people who have  
no power, no rights, no voice.**

One: the light gets in...

**All: We look for you among those who  
live on the streets of our city,  
whose housing is inadequate,  
whose homes are not safe...**

One: the light gets in...

**All: We look for you among those who  
grieve a past that is no more  
and fear a future that seems full of loss.**

One: the light gets in...

**All: the light gets in...**

One: God who meets us in the broken places,  
shine your light deep into our lives,  
so we may carry that light into every broken place...

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 (MEV) **Mark 9:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain, alone by themselves. And He was transfigured before them.<sup>3</sup>His garments became shiny, extremely white as snow, such as no launderer on earth could whiten them.<sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses. And they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three sanctuaries: one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, because they were very afraid. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> As they came down the mountain, He warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup> They kept that statement to themselves, questioning each other what the rising from the dead meant.

Anthem      **Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**      (Keith Bissell)

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near,  
Daystar, in my heart appear.*

Reflection      *Talking with Jesus*

Hymn      **O Lord My God**      VU 238

## **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 donate by PAR can be obtained through the office mail [@sjruc.ca](mailto:@sjruc.ca) 519-742-1002.*

*For those who wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please visit our website [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) or scan this QR code:*



Offertory      **Lord, I Want to be a Christian**      (arr. John Carter)

\* 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

Response: **Take, O Take Me As I Am** MV85

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*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

\* Closing Hymn **Give Thanks for Life** VU 706

\* 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 **Rondo** (John Hook)

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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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***Don't forget to pick up your 2023 Tax Receipts  
located in the Narthex. UCW tax receipts are also in the  
box in the Narthex along with the SJRUC tax receipts.***

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Feb.13 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Feb.13 **Executive Meeting** Rainbow Room 7 pm
- Feb.14 **Ash Wednesday Service** Parlour 1 pm and 7 pm
- Feb.15 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Feb.15 **Choir Rehearsal**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Feb.18 **Worship Service** 10:30 am – Stay after the service for Gather, Gab & Mingle!

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

## IN OUR CHURCH

**Printed Church Directories** are available in the Narthex - one per family please. (Printed directories & PDF versions are always available throughout the year by request through the church office.) \*If your details are incorrect or have changed, please contact the office as we keep the most up-to-date information there even if a new copy isn't printed.



### **Ash Wednesday Service**

***Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 7 pm in the Parlour.*** Please

join us for this meaningful time, as we consider the prayers we carry, and take steps to offering these to God.

**Board Members:** Mailbox numbers have been reassigned for 2024. Outgoing board members please empty your mailboxes. Return keys to mailbox # 3 in an envelope with your name on it.

**Lenten Faith Study** “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado is our Lenten Study for 2024. Join us on Wednesdays beginning on ***Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm OR 7 pm to 9 pm*** as we take the five weeks leading up to Holy Week to examine the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. For more information please contact Jan at 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.

**TCOW Sleepover Youth Event:** Two Countries One World (TCOW), a United Church service and learning initiative, is excited to host a sleepover event for youth and youth leaders in March 2024. The sleepover will include dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Events during the sleepover will include youth group games, social time/movie, and on Saturday we'll explore what TCOW is all about through fun group activities before a closing reflection.

*When:* 6 PM, March 22 to 3 PM, March 23, 2024

*Where:* Parkminster United Church (275 Erb St E, Wtloo.)

*Who:* Youth (grades 8-12+) and Youth Leaders

*Cost:* \$5 to donate to the Foodbank of Waterloo Region

To find out more about TCOW, this event, and how to sign up, visit [www.waterlootcow.ca](http://www.waterlootcow.ca) or contact Colleen Usaty or Gord Spence at [info@waterlootcow.ca](mailto:info@waterlootcow.ca)

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



# CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,  
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse  
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse  
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command  
is this:
- d. And over all  
these virtues  
put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what  
great
- g. There is  
no fear in



- 1. each other as I have  
loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to  
lay down one's life for  
one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives  
out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply,  
because love covers  
over a multitude of sins.  
1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished  
on us, that we should  
be called children of  
God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved  
us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all  
together in perfect  
unity. Colossians 3:14