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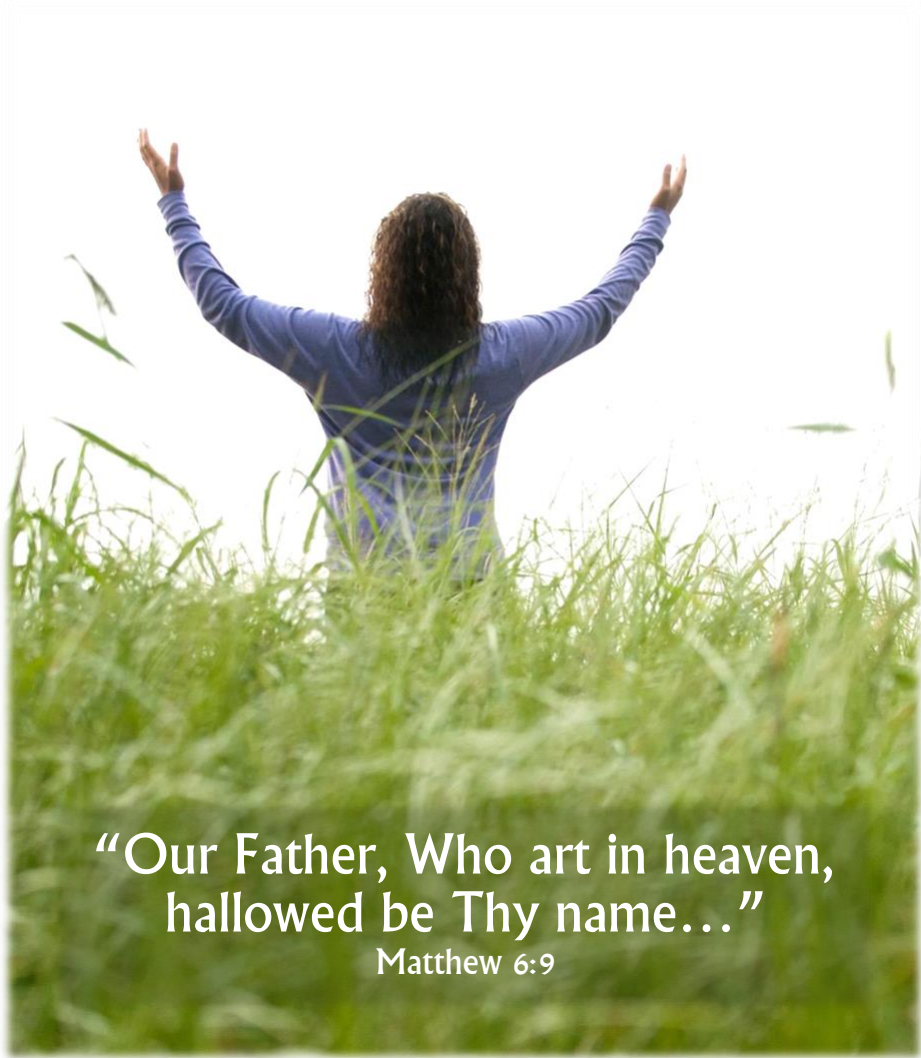
# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



“Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name...”

Matthew 6:9

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**February 18, 2024 – Lent 1**  
**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 **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** (arr. A.L. Page)

\*Hymn **Down to the River to Pray** (American folk Song)

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-bout that  
good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown— Good Lord,  
show me the way! O \*sis-ters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on  
down. O \*sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

\*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Call to Worship

One: God of all, in your goodness  
you pour out on your people all that they need,  
and satisfy those who persist in prayer.

All: **Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving,  
tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,  
that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom  
and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*A Translation of the Lord's Prayer from the Aramaic*)

**All: O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration.  
Soften the ground of our being and carve out a  
space within us where your Presence can abide.  
Fill us with your creativity so that we may be  
empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.  
Let each of our actions bear fruit  
in accordance with our desire.  
Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share  
what each being needs to grow and flourish.  
Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,  
as we release others from the entanglement of  
past mistakes.  
Do not let us be seduced by that which would  
divert us from our true purpose, but illuminate  
the opportunities of the present moment.  
For you are the ground and the fruitful vision,  
the birth, power and fulfillment, as all is gathered  
and made whole once again. Amen**

Story Time

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

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

Scripture Reading (NLT adapted) **Matthew 6:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to God in private. Then God, who sees everything, will reward you. <sup>7</sup>“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup>Don’t be like them, for your God knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! <sup>9</sup>Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today the food we need,

and forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

<sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Anthem

**Hear My Prayer**

(Moses Hogan)

*O Lord, please hear my prayer  
In the morning when I rise,  
It's Your servant bound for glory  
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*O Lord, please hear my prayer,  
Keep me safe within Your arms  
It's Your servant bound for glory  
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*When my work on earth is done,  
And you come to take me home.  
Just to know that I'm bound for glory.  
And to hear You say well done.*

*Done with sin and sorrow  
Have mercy...mercy. Amen*

Reflection

*Our...*

Solo

**The Lord's Prayer**

(Albert H. Malotte)

Jennifer Carter

**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 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

**Poor Wayfaring Stranger**

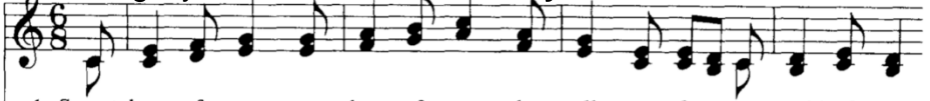
(arr. Anna Laura Page)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

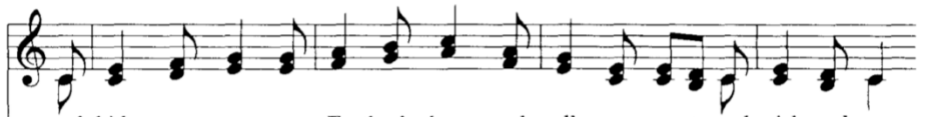
\*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

\* Closing Hymn **Sweet Hour of Prayer**



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, your wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.  
of those whose anx-ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for your re - turn!  
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has oft - en found re - lief,  
With such I has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,  
And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his Word, and trust his grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.  
I'll cast on him my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.



\* 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

**The Glory of Those 40 Days**

(Mark Sedio)

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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.**

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed  
here in loving memory of Les Houston by his wife,  
Beverly and his sons, Ron and Greg and their families.  
Les was longtime, faithful member of St. James-Rosemount  
United Church and served in many different positions in  
the work of the church throughout the years.*

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Feb. 20 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Feb. 21 **Lenten Faith Study** - Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Feb. 22 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Feb. 22 **Choir Rehearsal** - Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Feb. 25 **Baden Powell Scouting Service - 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener** 10:30 am
- Feb. 25 **Worship Committee Meeting** – Parlour at 11:30 am(ish)
- Mar. 19 **Unified Board Meeting** – 8 pm (\*note date change\*)

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

## IN OUR CHURCH

### **UCW Meeting February 26, 1:00 pm in the Parlor.**

Presentation in the long Sunday School room at 1:30 pm. Joyce Haynes from The Canadian Hearing Services will educate us on Hearing Issues. ***This meeting is open to everyone!*** Come and learn about hearing loss as it affects all ages from children to seniors. Please use the Kensington door. All are welcome.

**Sharing Place** This outreach ministry conducted for years at Christ the King UC, will be having a "SHARE" on March 1 & 2 at their new space, St Luke's Lutheran Church, 317 Franklin St N. Please consider donating to this event. Your gifts of clothing, & household items, especially children's clothing and toys, can be left in the vestibule at St. Luke's 24/7 or bring here to SJR- beside the Caring Bins clearly labelled SHARING PLACE. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Muriel.

**Time to Renew your Broadview Subscription** The rate of \$30.00 (a new price) provides access to insightful writing and a window on our wider church family! Contact the church info for information. Due now, cash or cheque made out to St James'-Rosemount. Please indicate "Broadview" on the envelope.

**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.

**Food Drive:** The M & O committee of SJRUC is holding its initial fundraiser for 2024 for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank from ***Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> until Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.*** In 2023 our church organized two fundraisers for the Food Bank, and as a result was able to generously deliver 605 pounds of food items and donate a total of \$2,490. It is expected the number of people within our community requiring support from the Waterloo Regional Food Bank in 2024 will continue to grow, and we hope our congregation will be able to continue its generous support in 2024, possibly even exceeding what was donated in 2023. **For the forty days of Lent, consider donating one food item per day!**

**Board Members:** Mailbox numbers have been reassigned for 2024. Outgoing board members please empty your mailboxes and return keys to mailbox # 3.

**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.

**Tiny Home Takeout (THT) in Stanley Park:** Every Wednesday and Friday from 6:30pm-7:30pm until the end of Lent, THT will be set up in the parking lot of St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church and Stanley Park Community Centre (corner of Ottawa St N and Franklin St N). Serving their hot meal of daily bites and calzones to any and all who come out. Lunch bags are also available. Those who are able to pay for their meal (any amount) are asked to do so, as all proceeds help to ensure the continuation of this wonderful project. **Come out and Grab a Bite. Give if you can.** To view the daily menu and for more information go to: [tinychometakeout.com](http://tinychometakeout.com)

**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 & lunch on Saturday. Events during the sleepover will include youth group games, social time/movie, and we'll explore what TCOW is all about through fun group activities.

*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 email [info@waterlootcow.ca](mailto:info@waterlootcow.ca)

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