
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



"Give us this day
our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11

March 10, 2024 – Lent IV
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 **Song 13 (Giver of the Perfect Life)** (arr. Healey Willan)

*Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

VU 672

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi*

One: Life Sustainer,

we receive the things you desire to offer us,
today and each new day!

Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word
and use its teachings to energize our bodies and
spirits.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi*

One: You call your people to prayer and praise in many
ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the
people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat
and sustain life.

**All: God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.
Offer us the nutrients we need to remain
connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to
receive food that endures— faith, hope, and love.**

One: God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

**All: All life is created and nourished by you!
May we grow into new circles of understanding
and being, reflecting the ways in which we have
been touched by your holy manna. Holy Spirit,
come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**All: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of
the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen**

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (The Message) **Luke 11:1-13**

¹ One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." ²⁻⁴ So he said, "When you pray, say, Father, Reveal who you are. Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil." ⁵⁻⁶ Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.' ⁷ "The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸ "But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and

get you whatever you need. ⁹“Here’s what I’m saying: Ask and you’ll get; Seek and you’ll find; Knock and the door will open. ¹⁰⁻¹³“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing—you’re at least decent to your own children. And don’t you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?”

Anthem **The New Lord’s Prayer** (Heather Sorenson)

*Our Father...my Father, hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us ev’ry debt, forgive us ev’ry pride,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, lead us not into the evil.
Deliver us, deliver us...Keep us safe from evil,
Deliver us from harm.
Thine is the kingdom, thine is the power,
the power, and glory forever.
Our Father...my Father, hallowed be Thy name,
Amen. Amen.*

Reflection *Keep us alive...Keep us safe...Keep us forgiven*

Hymn **As the Deer Pants** VU 767

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

Fantasiestücke, 1st Mvmt. (Robert Schumann)

Leah Mezo-Willingham, cello

* Offering Response **Praise God from Whom** VU 541
***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

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

Just a clos-er walk with Thee; Grant it, Je-sus, if you please,

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Dai - ly walk-ing close with Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

VERSE

I am weak but Thou art strong, Je - sus keep me from all wrong,
Through this world of toils and snares, If I fal-ter Lord who cares,
When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me won't be no more.

D.C.

I'll be sat-is-fied as long, as I walk, Let me walk close with Thee.
Who with me my bur-dens shares, None but Thee, dear Lord none but Thee.
Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er, To Thy king - dom shore to Thy shore.

* Commissioning

One: Let us go forth in faith in our Nonperishable God, who gives us daily what we need to feed our bodies and spirits. Our common need for nourishment unites us together as the body of Christ. May the holy Bread of Life create sustenance for the journey, calm for troubled stomachs, grace-filled movement for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all bodies as we seek to live in sacred community. Amen.

* 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 **If Thou But Trust in God** *(J.S. Bach)*

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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 Leah Mezo-Willingham for so wonderfully
sharing her gifts on the cello with us today.
We are richly blessed!*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Mar. 12 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 13 **Lenten Faith Study** - Parlour 1 pm **or** 7 pm
- Mar. 14 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 14 **Choir Rehearsal** - Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Mar. 17 **Worship Service** 10:30 am **Stay for Lunch!**
- Mar. 19 **Unified Board Meeting** – 8 pm (*note date change*)

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

Holy Week at SJR



Palm Sunday, March 24th at 10:30am – Our Palm procession and special Sunday School music will start off our entry into Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6pm potluck Dinner and Communion: On the night before Jesus died, he gathered his friends for a meal, and gave his most important commandment: *to love and serve one another*. And so, we'll gather for a Potluck meal starting at 6pm in the Rainbow Room, followed by a Communion Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm with hand or foot washing. You're invited to join in either experience or both!

Good Friday, March 29th at 10:30am, at Calvary Memorial U.C., 91 Gruhn St. Join us for this meaningful service as we share with Calvary, Forest Hill and Trinity, and SJR. Readers are needed for the service, and if you're interested in helping in this way, please speak to Rev. Chris.

Easter Sunrise Service, March 31st 7:30am. We welcome the new light of Easter morning with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. on the Labyrinth.

Easter Communion Service March 31st will take place in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

IN OUR CHURCH

Lunch Sunday Next Week: March 17. We'll do our best to celebrate all things Irish. (Other than the whiskey). Anyone who could give an hour or two on Friday morning, March 15; Saturday morning, March 16; serving time right after the service on Sunday, March 17, and of course, cleanup help. Even if you can give 30 minutes, it makes a huge difference. All help is appreciated. Contact Teresa: webmaster@sjruc.ca



Sanctuary Easter Flowers: To remember a loved one by contributing to the Easter Flower Fund, place your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it on the collection plate by **March 24**. A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact the church office.

Garage Sale – Heads Up! Saturday, May 4th – more info to come.

Broadview: Time to Renew Your 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 office. Due now, cash or cheque made out to St James'-Rosemount. Please indicate "Broadview" on the envelope.

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.

Food Drive: The M & O Committee is running a fundraiser for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank ***until Thursday March 28th***. In 2023 our church 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!***

Photo Directory We are in the final stages of pulling together final pieces for our photo directory. Thank you for your patience, and we hope to have them in hand by early Spring.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Opera Laurier presents *Into the Woods* *Into The Woods* is a funny story of fairy tales and when things go wrong. Our choral scholar Roland Kessler plays The Baker on March 9th and 16th, and you can find tickets at this link: shorturl.at/noru5. Hope to see you there!

Join the Grand Philharmonic Choir, soloists and musicians of the KW Symphony on Good Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm as they present Bach's monumental St. John Passion. Tickets available at Center in the Square box office. Further information is on the bulletin board.

Tiny Home Takeout (THT) in Stanley Park: Every Wednesday & 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 & 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