
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith

"Forgive

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March 17, 2024 – Lent V
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

Prelude in E minor

(Frederic Chopin)

*Hymn

Lord of all Hopefulness

Sung to Be Thou My Vision (Slane) words © Jan Struther VU 642

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by John Birch*

One: Whenever self obscures the needs of others, forgive us.
Whenever we forget who is our neighbour, forgive us.
Whenever we pass by on the other side, forgive us.
Whenever we forget to say 'Well done!' forgive us.

Whenever we forget to simply give thanks, forgive us.
Whenever we forget the path that we tread, forgive us.

All: Not just seven times, not just seventy-seven times, you God, love us unconditionally, welcoming us into new life, without remembering how often we miss the mark.

One: For all those times we bring a tear to your eye, bring us back into your forgiving arms and teach us once again, your way of love.

Prayer of Confession

One: In the quiet of this moment, in the safety of this space, with gratitude for grace, we seek you not as opponent, but companion for us in our journey towards wholeness. Hear us we pray...

Silence

Sung Lord's Prayer

VU 960

***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 and the power
and the glory. Forever 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 18:15-22**

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister. ¹⁶But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷But

if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector.¹⁸ I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven.¹⁹ Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"²² Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times."

Anthem **The Lord's Prayer** (arr. Bob Chilcott)

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.*

Reflection *Should I forgive...?*

Hymn **If I Have Been the Source of Pain** MV 76

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

Largo

(G. F. Handel)

- * 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

Response

O God We Call

VU 411

*O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

- * Closing Hymn **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** VU 626

* 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

Chaconne in G minor

(Louis Couperin)

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**Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available
in the Narthex for you to take home or share.**

***Please join us for Lunch downstairs in the Gym
after today's service! All are welcome!***

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Mar. 19 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 19 **Unified Board Meeting** – 8 pm (*note date change*)
- Mar. 20 **Lenten Faith Study** - Parlour 1 pm **or** 7 pm
- Mar. 21 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 21 **Choir Rehearsal** - Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Mar. 24 **Worship Service - Palm Sunday** 10:30 am
- Mar. 25 **UCW Meeting** – Parlour 1 pm
- Mar. 28 **Maundy Thursday Potluck** 6 pm and Communion 7 pm
- Mar. 29 **Good Friday** 10:30 am at Calvary Memorial UC, 91 Gruhn St
- Mar. 31 **Easter Sunrise Service**, 7:30 am on the Labyrinth
- Mar. 31 **Easter Communion Service** 10:30 am

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.

Bulletin Reminder: The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday 12:00 noon – no exceptions.

IN OUR CHURCH

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.



Next UCW Meeting: March 24th Ladies come meet in the Parlour at 1:00 pm for what could be a lively discussion: "*What Does SJR Mean to You and What Do You Mean to SJR?*" It will be interesting to hear each other's stories!

Garage Sale - Heads Up! Saturday, May 4th. More info to come soon!

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 of SJRUC is holding its initial fundraiser for 2024 for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank ***until Thursday March 28th***. In 2023 our church organized two fundraisers for the Food Bank, and we were 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

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: tinymetakeout.com

A message on behalf of the TCOW Committee: The committee of Two Countries One World (TCOW) has made the tough decision to wrap up our initiatives for now. **Additionally, due to low enrollment our sleepover event on March 22-23 will be cancelled.** After 20 wonderful years, the team is ready to rest and excited to see what new path TCOW may take in the future. Following our Easter theology, we look forward to discovering how God will guide the resurrection of TCOW and its values in the future, and what other forms it may take.

We would like to extend our greatest thanks and appreciation to all who have been involved with TCOW over the years. We have been so overwhelmed by the support, involvement, encouragement, ideas, participation, eagerness to learn, and excitement that so many people have contributed to TCOW. Thank you to past participants & leaders, volunteers, family & friends, congregations, churches and everyone who has supported TCOW emotionally, spiritually, financially and otherwise throughout our first 20 years. Our four pillars have allowed us to serve and learn through relationships with communities in Nicaragua, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia. What a difference we have all made in so many ways, including the development of active faith and global citizenship among hundreds of United Church youth. We look forward to future opportunities and conversations about Two Countries One World.

The website (waterlootcow.ca) and email (info@waterlootcow.ca) will continue to be monitored for anyone looking to reach out. Again, thank you for all of your efforts. We hope to be in contact in the future with exciting news!