
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



March 31, 2024 – Easter Communion
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 gives our thanks for their conservancy.

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading (TLB) **Mark 16:1-8**

¹⁻²The next evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene and Salome and Mary the mother of James went out and purchased embalming spices. Early the following morning, just at sunrise, they carried them out to the tomb. ³On the way they were discussing how they could ever roll aside the huge stone from the entrance. ⁴But when they arrived they looked up and saw that the stone—a very heavy one—was already moved away and the entrance was open! ⁵So they entered the tomb—and there on the right sat a young man clothed in white. The women were startled, ⁶but the angel said, “Don’t be so surprised. Aren’t you looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified? He isn’t here! He has come back to life! Look, that’s where his body was lying. ⁷Now go and give this message to his disciples including Peter: “Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died!” ⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, too frightened to talk.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit

Hodie

(Natalie Sleeth)

*Hodie, Hodie! Christ is arisen from the tomb
where once He lay.*

*Hodie, Hodie! Free from His prison,
Death forever is driv’n away!*

Gloria, Gloria! Let us be joyful.

Gloria, Gloria! Praise let us bring.

Hodie, Hodie! Christ is arisen, Reigns forever, the Lord and King!

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Roddy Hamilton*

One: On Friday...we lost so much

Window: we lost the light

Wall: we lost the argument

Window: we lost love

Wall: we lost life

Window: we lost hope

Wall: we lost God

Window: we lost Jesus

One: But this morning we found

All: the morning – bright

the stone – rolled

the resurrection – waiting

the tomb – full (but not as expected)

the despair – dispersing

the women – preparing then pondering

and Jesus – risen

One: Loosed upon the world, appearing in places we least expect, the blessing of the new life that Easter brings, is that all around us, love waits.

All: It is good we have found our way here. This is Easter. Love never left. Jesus Christ is risen!

One: He is risen indeed!

* Opening Hymn **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** VU 155

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Greg Scheer*

One: Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.

We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.

We dread what others will say of us.

We believe these get in the way of faithful journeys.

We feel empty.

**All Forgive the fear that paralyzes us
at the brink of new life.**

Forgive our doubt of your love.

**Forgive our distrust of the surprising, joyous hope
that is waiting to be found.**

Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.

**Raise us to abundant new life
for the glory of your love.**

One: For thy will, your will, your dream for us,
leads us to life.

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn During Communion **Long Ago and Far Away** MV 195

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Coronation

(Craig Courtney)

*Crown Him, the King of Kings,
the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.*

*Crown Him, the one who died
and rose again to live forever more.*

*Crown Him, the Bread of Life
High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star,
He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.
He is the ruler of the kings of earth.*

*Crown Him, behold your King.
See Him coming with the clouds,
Ev'ry eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.
See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.
He is the Living One.*

*He who is and was and who is to come.
He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood.
He is the mighty Son of God.
Behold Him! Behold your King,
Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.*

Reflection *Power and glory...Amen (May it be so)*

Response **Amen, Amen...**

with inspiration from MV 205 – © William S. Kervin and Paul Stott



A - men, a-men, may it be so Al-le -lu -ia and A - men! A -



men, a-men, may it be so Al-le -lu -ia and A - men!

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

Romance

(Camille Saint -Saëns)

Tony Snyder, French horn

* 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.

Flowering the Cross

During the Flowering **In the Bulb there is a Flower** VU 703

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

Christ is Alive

VU 158

* Commissioning *adapted from anon. Christian between 3rd to 6th Century*

One: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence,
night or morning: bright stars, high mountains,
the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers;
may all these break into song

as we sing to God, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Jesus Christ is risen today!

One: May all the angels in the heavens reply
Amen! Amen! Amen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God,
the only giver of grace.

All: Amen! Amen! Amen! May it be so!

* Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace** (*Written by 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 **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** (*setting by John Vandertuin*)

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***A Special 'Thank You' to Tony Snyder and his musical
gifts on the French Horn, for it added so much to our
celebration of Easter!***

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***In memory of Family and Friends,
flowers have been placed in the sanctuary by:***

Ena Arnot	Norma Mosgrove
Jean Bignell	Cec & Jan Omand
Janice Bock	Ruth Palmer
Suanne Crouse	Lynda Perkes
Linda Dawson	Doug & Allison Riddell
Bill & Dianne Dyck	Ralph & Donna Szilock
Nancy Ebel & Family	Neil Taylor
Maize Evers	Maria Taylor
Dorothy Hibbard	Marjorie Tinklin
Beverly Houston	Bernice Uebele
Terry & Sandra Jardine	Don & Anne Willcox
Joan Kaehler	Carol Wilson & Family
Jim & Gillian McNulty	Anonymous



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- April 2 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- April 4 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- April 4 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 pm – Rainbow Room
- April 7 **Worship Service** 10:30 am
- April 7 **Worship Committee Meeting** 11:30 am - Parlour
- April 9 **Executive Meeting** 7:00 pm – Rainbow Room

IN OUR CHURCH

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 to apply is Today, 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.

SJR Quilt: We're going to make a Signature Quilt Wall Hanging for St. James'-Rosemount's 70 Anniversary! And we need YOUR signature! We want everyone in the Congregation - from little ones to older ones, families, and couples, and individuals - to sign a square to be included in this patchwork of memories. Squares will be available after church in the Long Sunday School Room to sign and we'll deliver to those who can't make it out each week. Watch the bulletin for extra times during the week. Be a part of this great project! We'll be glad you did!

SJR Garage Sale Saturday, May 4th. Start gathering your items and be prepared to bring your "treasurers" to the church from 9am to 11am beginning Saturday, April 27th through to Wednesday, May 1st. All proceeds go to the M&S Fund of the UCC. For more information, please call Cec or contact the church office (Please no large furniture)

Food Drive: Thank you to everyone for supporting the Lent collection for the Waterloo Region Food Bank. While the cost of food has risen significantly, we are grateful for the efforts of this church to help those struggling.





Our next Bible Study: “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy-Jill Levine, will take us back in time and explain how original audiences understood Jesus’ parables. We’ll begin this six-week study on ***Wednesday, April 10th from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm*** in the Parlour. Please contact Jan at mail@sjruc.ca for more information.

Photo Directory We are in the final stages of pulling together final pieces for our photo directory and we welcome your quotes about SJR to add to the directory. Please use the separate sheet provided in the narthex to contribute.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

“Singing Liberation” with Inshallah ***Sunday, April 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm*** Knox Presbyterian 50 Erb St. W Waterloo. Songs and stories from around the world. Free-will donation supports The Water Project (Six Nations of the Grand River)

FUNDRAISING CONCERT at Westminster United, 543 Beechwood Dr, Waterloo - Join us on **Saturday, April 27 beginning at 7:00 pm** for our fundraising concert with Rescue Junction. Free will offering to attend the concert. There will be a social reception after the concert, and a raffle for some excellent prizes! A little bit about Rescue Junction: Rescue Junction is an award-winning Canadian bluegrass band based in Ontario that has been travelling and singing together since 2009. Originally comprised of brother and sister, Kyle & Kaitlyn Gerber on mandolin and guitar respectively, the band has grown to include Roger Martin on banjo, Dallas Roth on upright bass and Nick Huber on dobro. Rescue Junction combines a plethora of musical tastes with their passion for bluegrass resulting in a unique, refreshing style. From gospel quartet numbers to traditional and contemporary bluegrass to original songs, audiences can expect an exhilarating time with the band. <https://rescuejunctionband.com/home>

The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday 12:00 noon.

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