

St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



**“Thy
kingdom
come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it
is in heaven..”**

Matthew 6:10

March 3, 2024 – Lent III
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

Vater unser im Himmelreich

(J.S. Bach)

(Our Father in Heaven)

*Hymn

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

VU 664

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Victor Hoagland*

One: "Lord, teach us to pray."

You give us the words to say,
teach us what they mean, allow them to grow in us,
and make them lead to you. Bring us together,
as we pray into that Presence within,
where words end and where we rest in you.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Catherine Gorman*

One: Your kingdom come...

All: Lead us to worship only you, God, and not our achievements, or money, to put people before profit and 'being' before having'.

One: Thy kingdom come... Thy will be done on earth

All: Inspire us to work together to upset the priorities of the world so that everyone has enough and all can live fully.

One: Forgive us ...as we forgive others...
lead us and deliver us...

All: Create in us the desire to live in harmony with creation so all people may flourish and your kin(g)dom come. Amen.

Sung Lord's Prayer (Choir teach verse 1, then start again)

All: ***Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth;
Hallowed be Thy name;
Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us God all our debts;
Hallowed be Thy name;
As we forgive all our debtors.
Hallowed be Thy name.

And lead us not into temptation;
Hallowed be Thy name;
But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

For Thine is the Kingdom, power and glory;
Hallowed be Thy name;
Forever and forever and ever.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so;
Hallowed be Thy name;
Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.***

Story Time

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (First Nations Version) **Matthew 6:5-15**

⁵ When you send your voice to the Great Spirit, do not be like the ones who love to stand up and pray with a loud voice in the gathering houses and along the village pathways, hoping to be seen and heard by others. The truth is, they have their honor already. They will get no more. Instead, find a quiet hiding place where no one can see or hear you and send your prayers to your Father in secret. He will see what you have done and honor you. When you pray, do not be like the people from the

Outside Nations, who use empty words over and over again, thinking their many words will help them be heard. Your Father, the Creator, already knows what you need even before you ask. Instead, when you send your voice to the Great Spirit, here is how you should pray: O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day-the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so! Remember, our Father from the spirit-world above will release you from your wrongdoings in the same manner you release others from theirs. But if you fail to release others, this keeps your Father, the Creator, from releasing you.

Anthem **Standing in the Need of Prayer** (Moses Hogan)

Chorus

It's me..It's me O Lord...standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me..It's me O Lord...standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother but it's me O Lord... Chorus

Not my sister but it's me O Lord... Chorus

Not my mother but it's me O Lord..

Not my father but it's me O Lord..

Not the deacon..not the preacher but it's me O Lord...Chorus

Reflection *the beauty of your ways*

Hymn **Blest be the Tie that Binds** VU 602

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 **The Lord's Prayer** (Stewart Wilkinson)
 Trio: Lucy Gill, Louise Pilatan, Crystal Fallis

* 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 **Jesus, Remember Me** VU 148
 ***Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.***

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **Come to My Heart** VU 661

* 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 **Prelude in G minor** (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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Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!

Come and enjoy some refreshments
together in the Rainbow Room.



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The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed here by Evelyn Shantz in loving memory of her sister Florence "Flo" who died February 19th at the age of 85 after a very long journey with Alzheimer's.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Mar. 5 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 6 **Lenten Faith Study** - Parlour 1 pm **or** 7 pm
- Mar. 7 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m.- SJR Gym
- Mar. 7 **Choir Rehearsal** - Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Mar. 10 **Worship Service** 10:30 am
- Mar. 19 **Unified Board Meeting** – 8 pm (*note date change*)

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

IN OUR CHURCH

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.

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



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 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!**

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

TCOW Sleepover Youth Event: Two Countries One World (TCOW is excited to host a sleepover event for youth & youth leaders in March 2024. The sleepover includes dinner on Friday, and breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Events include youth group games, social time/movie, exploring 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 this event, and how to sign up, visit www.waterlootcow.ca or email info@waterlootcow.ca

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

Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalms 46:10)