
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter
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.

10:15 Hymn Sing: ***Blessed Assurance** v1 and 3 VU 337

**2 or 3 Hymns*

***Because He Lives**

*God sent his son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know, he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *adapted from words by Nancy C. Townley*

One: How joyful it is, to celebrate
the good news of God's love!

All: We are called to be Easter people!

One: Not just one day, but a lifetime in which we celebrate
the gift of life we share!

All: Fear cannot overshadow us!

One: We are people of faith, hope and love

All: May these be the measures of our life together.

One: For Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

Opening Prayer *adapted from words by Susan Miller*

One: You come to us

**All: In unexpected places:
in a crowded room, on a journey on a dusty road,
In conversation, in the stillness.**

One: You come in the midst of our doubt,
our fear, our sorrow, our wounded world.
You come in the power of the resurrection,
with scarred hands and a healing heart.
No pain and suffering is unknown to you.
You bring us peace

**All: And we pray for the places where there is no
peace: countries torn by war, Refugees seeking
homes, prisoners facing torture...**

One: You bring peace

**All: Peace to the tensions and conflicts within us:
to the regrets, the failure, the broken relationships
the lost friendships...**

One: You bring peace

**All: For you are a friend to us:
When we are alone, when we are lonely,
unseen you are there**

One: You bring us peace

**All: And we pray that we too may become
peacemakers, as we follow the one who embodied
peace...**

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

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **Luke 24:36b-48**

³⁶ While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." ⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them. ⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Anthem

Healing for a Wounded World

(Larry Nickel)

Louise Pilatan, clarinet

***These are dangerous times in this sorrowful old world
who knows what tomorrow we face?***

***Yet we look to the One who created each life
Who fashioned every planet in space.***

***Healing for a wounded world –
flowing from a nail scarred hand.***

***There is a hope, there is a light, overcoming the darkness,
breaking through the night.***

***The Great Physician reaches out
to offer healing for a wounded world.***

***Say one word, precious Lord,
and the blind will gain their sight -
the lame will start leaping for joy.***

***With the power of your love shattered lives are made whole
All those who've been forgiven rejoice.***

***You were pierced for our transgressions,
bruised for our iniquity
The punishment upon you has brought us peace.
By your stripes, we are healed,
by your wounds we are healed.***

Reflection *A Change of Heart*

Hymn **Now the Green Blade Rises** VU 186

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 **Souvenir** (Marcel Dupré)

* Offering Response *Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*

***We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.***

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **The Risen Christ** VU 168

Sung to **Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face** (St. Agnes) VU 459

* 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 **Trumpet Voluntary IX** (John Stanley)

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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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FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

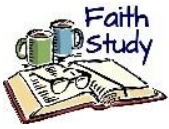
- April 16 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- April 17 **Faith Study** 1pm - 3pm OR 7pm - 9pm in the Parlour
- April 18 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- April 18 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 pm – Rainbow Room
- April 21 **SJR 70th Anniversary Service** 10:30 am – Stay for Lunch!

IN OUR CHURCH

SJR 70th Anniversary Service Join us in celebrating SJR’s rich history at our 70th anniversary service on April 21st. The Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, past moderator, has been invited to lead worship. Plan to stay for a special lunch after the service!

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 the church office at 519-742-1002 (Please no large furniture).

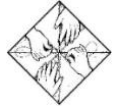




Bible Study: “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy-Jill Levine, will take us back in time and explain how original audiences understood

Jesus’ parables. We’ve begun this six-week study **Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm** in the Parlour. Please contact Jan at mail@sjruc.ca for more information.

SJR Quilt: We’re making a Signature Quilt Wall Hanging for St. James’-Rosemount’s 70th 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 before AND after church in the Long Sunday School Room to sign until Sunday, April 28th and then we start putting the squares together!! If you are unable to come to the church and want to be a part of this project, please contact the office and we will make sure you get a square to sign. Be a part of this great project! We’ll be glad you did!



Food Drive: The Mission & Outreach committee of SJRUC is pleased to report that 308 lbs of food items were delivered to the Waterloo Regional Food Bank and we will also be forwarding \$1470 as a result of our recent fundraiser. In addition, 24th Kitchener Scouting gathered 1,996 lbs of food donations and \$140.



Certainly a good start for 2024 to support the Food Bank! Thank you to all members of our congregation who were able to contribute.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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>

Living Below the Line: In 2022, a community-engaged theatre project called “Living Below the Line” raised awareness about Guaranteed Livable Basic Income. Since then it has been made into a film, with hopes of taking the film to a conference in Ottawa in May of this year. The group is looking for financial support, and if you’re interested in supporting this, more information can be found on our ‘Community’ bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

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.