
St. James'–Rosemount United

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Church

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



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April 28, 2024 – The Fifth 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.

Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude **Song Without Words** *(Felix Mendelssohn)*

Opening Hymn **Amazing Grace** VU 266

Opening Litany *adapted from a prayer by Roddy Hamilton*

One: When God tripped over the stars this week
and send great lightning sparks across the night
God's name was Power

When God stood in the morning dew a few weeks
back and whispered Mary's name fresh from the tomb
God's name was Life

When God held out hands to Thomas
and hold him to hold on and follow
God's name was Shepherd

When God pours water this morning
and asks us to find heaven in every drop
God's name is Grace

When God shook us awake today and hollowed out
an unused moment in front of us to step into
God's name is Creator

When God found us waiting here in the space
between heaven and earth, now and not yet
God's name is Love

Friends, let us worship the God of many names,
whose grace like a mother, surrounds us, even as we
pray...

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 (*from Everyday Psalms* by James Taylor) **Psalm 23**

God has walked with me; I could ask nothing more.

God has given me green meadows to laugh in,
clear streams to think beside, untrodden paths to explore.

When I thought the world rested on my shoulders,
God put things into perspective.

When I lashed out at an unfair world, God calmed me down.

When I drifted into harmful ways, God straightened me out.

God was with me all the way.

I do not know what lies ahead, but I am not afraid.

I know you will be with me.

Even in death, I will not despair.

You will comfort and support me.

Though my eye dims and my mind dulls,
you will continue to care about me.

Your touch will soothe the tension in my temples;
my fears will fade away. I am content.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with me.

All through life, I have found goodness in people.

When life ends, I expect to be gathered
into the ultimate goodness of God.

IN OUR CHURCH

UCW Meeting Monday, April 29th 1 - 3 pm in the Parlour

Ladies- do you know about “Thrift on Kent”? Have you donated household goods to them or found a great bargain there? Come to our meeting and hear Kent Buhrke discuss the work done there and worldwide by Mennonite Central Committee which Thrift on Kent supports.

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!

SJR Garage Sale Saturday, May 4th. Start gathering your items and bring your “treasures” to the church from 9am to 11am beginning Saturday, April 27th through to Wednesday, May 1st. We start sorting on Wednesday!



We will also be having a **plant sale** as part of the Garage Sale - houseplants & succulents, outdoor plants & recycled plants. Please leave them at the Sherwood entrance. The sign up sheets to help out on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and on Garage Sale day - the 4th are outside the kitchen door at the Sherwood entrance. Please sign up to let us know when you can help. Let's make this a success! All proceeds go to the M&S Fund of the UCC. For more information please call the church office (Please, no big 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. Contact Jan at mail@sjruc.ca for more info.

Fundraiser for Monica Place: The Mission & Outreach Committee of SJRUC is once again organizing our annual fundraiser for Monica Place - from Sunday April 28th until Thursday evening June 6th. Monica Place is now part of a charitable organization called Camino Wellbeing & Mental Health. A table will be set up in the foyer with a wish list for donated items which includes diapers, diaper wipes, diaper rash creams, new baby and toddler clothing, new educational toys (books, dolls, play dough, trucks), gift cards, plus many other new items. Financial donations for Monica Place (cash or cheques made out to SJRUC) can delivered to the church, making sure you indicate the purpose of your donation and your identity. A pickup truck will be in the church parking lot on June 6th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to collect all donated items. Please check out the overall "wish list" so we can once again have a successful fundraiser for this very worthy local organization.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

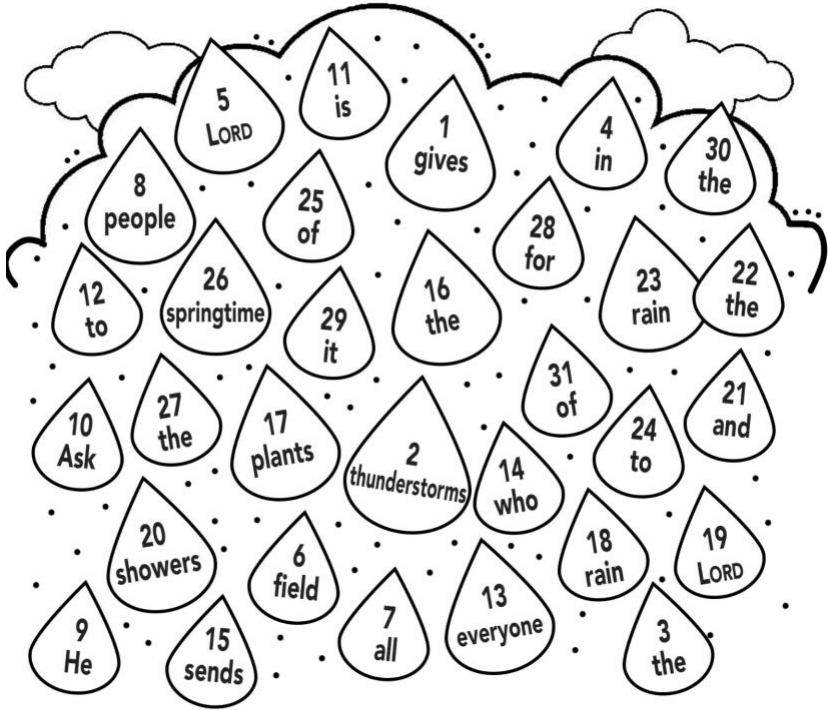
Youth Week is a collection of events in support of oneROOF Youth Services, spanning the first week of May each year. Throughout the week, the young people who access oneROOF Youth Services have the opportunity to participate in a variety of unique programming, from special meal days to friendly games and sports tournaments. Each year, we close out *Youth Week* with a grand fundraising event, open to the public. This year's event is our **FREE Night Market & Concert**, happening **Friday, May 10th**, 6 pm – 10 pm at 19 Ottawa St N. Kitchener. Shop from 70+ small business vendors and hear live music from Folklore Junction and others! Join the fight to end youth homelessness!

* 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.

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



_____ 10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18

_____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____ ;

_____ 29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15

_____ 27 _____ 2

_____ 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23

_____ 12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25

_____ 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV