
St. James'–Rosemount United

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Church

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



May 5, 2024 – The Sixth 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 **Andantino** *(Aram Khachaturian)*

Opening Hymn **Come in, Come in and Sit Down** VU 395

Call to Worship *adapted from prayers by Rev. Susan Blain*

One: The Spirit blesses us all

**All: with gifts of joy and delight,
full and complete and overflowing!**

One: Gifts for the good of all, shared as new commandment, but echoing since creation's start:

**All: Love one another!
Unselfishly seek the best for one another!**

One: Strangers and neighbours, newcomers and family will unite together in hope for all.

**All: Never servants but friends, chosen and called as
we transform the world around us in Jesus' name.**

One: Come, let our worship lift us joyfully, as we celebrate that together we are a part of God's family.

Opening Prayer

One: God of new life, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power; we feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside; the greening of the earth after so much grey, your faithfulness and steadfast love causes us to rejoice in the risen Christ. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. For as Jesus befriended us, loved us and taught us...

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 The Amplified Bible*) **John 15:9-17**

⁹ I have loved you just as the Father has loved me; remain in my love [and do not doubt my love for you]. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments *and* obey my teaching, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that my joy *and* delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing. ¹² "This is my commandment that you love *and* unselfishly seek the best for one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love [nor stronger commitment] than to lay down his own life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you keep on doing what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you [my] friends, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed *and* placed *and* purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit *and* keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain *and* be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name [as my representative] God may give to you. ¹⁷ This [is what] I command you: that you love *and* unselfishly seek the best for one another.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

(Thomas Tallis)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That He may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

Reflection *appointed and placed and purposefully planted*

Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

VU 506

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

Offertorio Pastorale

(Anonymous)

* Offering Response

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***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 **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** VU575

* 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 **Voluntary in D** (William Selby)

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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- May 7 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- May 8 **Faith Study** 1pm – 3 pm **or** 7pm – 9 pm in the Parlour
- May 9 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- May 9 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 pm – Rainbow Room
- May 12 **Worship Service** 10:30 am

IN OUR CHURCH

Thanks, SJR! Thanks to all who donated treasures and to all who made cash donations for our Garage Sale in support of Mission and Outreach! Thanks to all who sorted the treasures, to all who priced the treasures, and to all who sold them. And thanks to the volunteers who carted the extra items away to be recycled. We couldn't have done it without you! Another successful Garage Sale!



Kenya Flooding Aid: We recently received a note from Plous Aggrey Omondi, St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ugunja, Kenya with whom we currently partner to provide funding to support impoverished students to get an education. Aggrey described the dire situation in Kenya due to the unprecedented rainfall and resultant flooding that has devastated much of the country. He is

appealing to the congregation of St. James'-Rosemount to contribute to flood relief efforts. We would encourage you to consider donating to the Kenya Red Cross Flood Response which is one of the few efforts focused directly on the situation in Kenya. For more information, please go to: <https://www.redcross.or.ke>.



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.cat 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

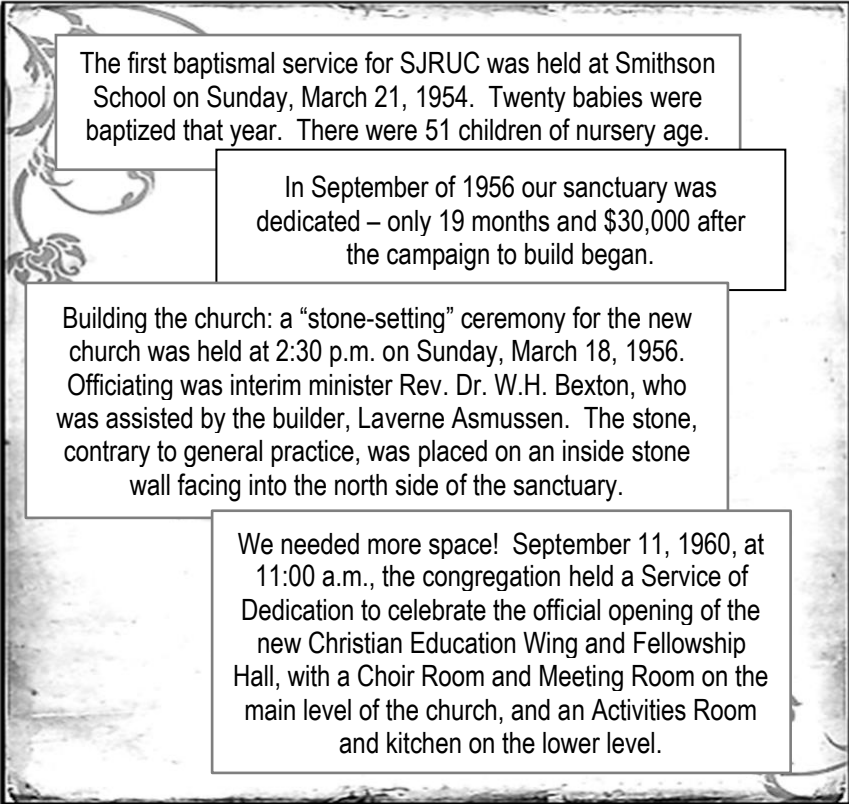
week, the young people who access oneROOF Youth Services have the opportunity to participate in a variety of unique programming, from special meal days to friendly games and sports tournaments. Each year, we close out *Youth Week* with a grand fundraising event, open to the public. This year's event 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.

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Ten 10 years ago we celebrated SJR's 60th - that year we included a series in the weekly bulletins: **“From the Archives: Snippets of 60”** – here are some samples from then:



PUZZLE



UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

—○—

pink, red, yellow, blue

—○—

mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _____
and qu _____ p _____, which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV