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# St. James'–Rosemount United

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## Church

*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



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**May 12, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

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# 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      **Songs My Mother Taught Me**      (Antonin Dvořák)

Opening Hymn **I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry** VU644

Call to Worship *adapted from prayer by Katharine Hawker*

One: The spirit of God calls us from many places;  
some of us come from busy homes with many people  
some of us live alone.

**All: We are given people to whom we belong.**

One: This week has been different for each of us;  
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate  
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

**All: Together, we are loved by God.**

One: Yet we all have come to this same place;  
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives  
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.  
Learning to live and grow as one,

**All: together we are a part of this family of faith.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner*

One: God of life, before we are yet born, you shape us and  
watch over us, even as we know how the miracle  
of our births are still full of risks.

As we grow, and you care for us, feed us and lead us,  
you give us words to say, show us how to walk,  
cheer for us in our successes, yet failures lurk around  
every corner, even as you encourage us,  
you love us for who we are.

Thank you, that you do not give up on us when we don't call home, forget to visit, disappoint ourselves, others, and you, neglect what you've done for us or think we did it by ourselves.

Open our eyes to see those who need the embrace of mothering love, who need someone to be their champion, someone to stand by their side, someone to pick them up when they fall.

Help us this week to take your love to heart, and embody it like Jesus, who loved us into new 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

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading (CEV) **1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> We believe what people tell us. But we can trust what God says even more, and God is the one who has spoken about his Son. <sup>10</sup> If we have faith in God's Son, we have believed what God has said. But if we don't believe what God has said about his Son, it is the same as calling God a liar. <sup>11</sup> God has also said he gave us eternal life and this life comes to us from his Son. <sup>12</sup> And so, if we have God's Son, we have this life. But if we don't have the Son, we don't have this life. <sup>13</sup> All of you have faith in the Son of God, and I have written to let you know you have eternal life.

Anthem

**Come Let Us Sing**

(Russell Nagy)

*Come, let us sing songs to our Saviour.  
Come, let us play music for our Lord.  
Come, let us bring thanks for his favour.  
Come, let us praise his triumphant word.*

*We go astray, still he patiently seeks out and finds us;  
and in his spirit he's here both behind and before us.*

*Come, let us raise hands on the mountain,  
for ev'ry ridge, ev'ry plain is his.*

*And in the sea, and on the dry land  
all living things raise one voice to him.*

*Though we are dust, he bestowed on us grace and salvation,  
paid for us, prayed for us, made us one holy nation.*

*Make joyful noise, all of creation.*

*Come and rejoice, let your anthems ring.*

*He is our rock and our salvation.*

*We are the flock of the Shepherd King.*

*Come and rejoice! Raise your voice and sing.*

Reflection

*We can trust*

Hymn

**God, the All-Holy**

VU 484

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE**

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at [sjruc.ca](http://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](mailto:@sjruc.ca) 519-742-1002.*

*For those who wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please visit our website [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) or scan this QR code:*



Offertory

**Emily**

(June Nixon)

\* 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 **Our God, Creation's Loving Source** VU490

\* 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 **In Thee is Gladness** *(Kristina Langlois)*

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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 14 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- May 15 **Faith Study** 1pm – 3 pm **or** 7pm – 9 pm in the Parlour
- May 16 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- May 16 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 pm – Rainbow Room
- May 19 **Worship Service** 10:30 am

## IN OUR CHURCH

**Ladies' Special Event:** We're having a "Royal Garden Party" on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>! All women of SJR are invited to the "The Steebs Garden" at 159 Riverbank Drive, Cambridge at 12 noon. Lunch will be served outside at 12:30. Bring your own lawn chair and a sun hat. Please consider carpooling as there is limited space for parking. RSVP to Muriel **before Monday, June 3rd.**

**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. Our final session is this ***Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm*** in the Parlour. Contact the church office for more info.

**Fundraiser for Monica Place:** The Mission & Outreach Committee of SJRUC is once again organizing our annual fundraiser for Monica Place - from now ***until Thursday evening June 6<sup>th</sup>.*** 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Can you help?** We're looking for a volunteer to touch up the sign for the Peace and Carrots Garden. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**The UCC is turning 100** On June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm we begin a year of celebrations for our beloved United Church of Canada with a service at Metropolitan United in Toronto. We at Trinity & Forest Hill United Churches want to challenge your members to attend. Trinity has rented a bus to take us to Toronto, leaving our parking lot (121 Westmount Rd E) at 2 pm. First come first serve for a seat on the bus (we'll keep a list of all who call to see if we need more buses or a carpool.) Register at the Forest Hill & Trinity office: office@foresthillunited.org or call 519-744-3481. The folks in this picture are now part of our history. We invite you to be part of our continuing history which begins June 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you on the bus.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Prayer in the Park: Sunday, June 2, 2-4 pm at Victoria Park** in Kitchener. This is an opportunity for all Christians in Waterloo Region to gather in one place and pray. We wonder, what if we do what 2 Chronicles 7:14 says and humble ourselves to pray? How might God bring about change, transformation, and salvation in our Region? God values unity and gathering as one across denominational lines is a great way to build that unity. Please come and pray with us on-0984June 2nd.









**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.***

# Puzzle!

Use the grid to discover what James 5:13-18 advises when challenges loom.

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	E	I	O	S	Y
					

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