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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 26, 2024 – Trinity Sunday**  
**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

**Prelude**

*(Camille Saint-Saëns)*

Opening Hymn

**We Are One**

VU 402

Call to Worship

One: In many places, we gather:

**All: We are one in spirit.**

One: From many backgrounds, we come:

**All: We are one in Christ.**

One: For many purposes, we serve:

**All: We are one in our calling.**

One: Together, let us worship God!

**All: Who makes us one body, one spirit, in Christ.**

Opening Prayer

*One: Gracious God, in your wisdom, you have called us together to reflect the body of Christ. As we gather in your presence, we acknowledge our imperfections and the times we have fallen short of loving as you have taught us. Forgive us for the moments we have acted in isolation rather than seeking the strength of our community. Open our eyes to the beauty of our shared life, and strengthen our hearts for the journey we undertake together. Teach us to cherish each other's gifts and to face our challenges with courage and love. As we worship today, knit us closer to one*

another and to you, mending our spirits and renewing our purpose. In Christ's name, 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 (paraphrase by Greg Simpson) **Psalm 133**

One: How good and pleasant it is  
when we live together in harmony!

**All: How wonderful to live together in unity!**

One: Unity is sacred, anointing us all like the precious oil poured on Aaron's head, flowing abundantly down onto his beard and the collar of his robes.

**All: How wonderful to live together in unity!**

One: Unity is a source of life and refreshment, like the dew on Mount Hermon and Mount Zion. In our fellowship and collaboration God's blessing flows, perpetual and everlasting.

**All (sung response): from *I Come with Joy* VU 477 v5  
*Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.***

Anthem

**Alive in Me**

(Thomas Hewitt Jones)

*The light is breaking through the clouds,  
the wind is quick'ning in the open skies,  
Sunlight dapples there beneath the tree.*

*The world is alive.*

*Small shoots are showing in the soil,  
the spirit moving them alive in me,  
the sun and wind and my soul agree  
how good it can be.*

*Refrain: The longing arises within  
To live and to love and belong.  
So we raise our voices to sing this song.  
To thank you, Lord, for ev'rything.*

*God below us as above, our God glows as without,  
who meets our limitations and our doubt  
with infinite love. Refrain*

Reflection

*Life Together*

Greg Simpson

Hymn

**To Show By Touch and Word**

VU 427

**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

**Prière Du Matin**

(Joseph Jongen)

\* 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      **We are One in the Spirit**

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***We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.***

Refrain: ***And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.***

***We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.*** Refrain

***We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each one's pride.*** Refrain

\* 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 **March from 'The Musical Clocks'** (Franz Josef Haydn)

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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 27 **UCW Meeting** 1 pm in the Parlour
- May 28 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- May 29 **Faith Study** 1pm – 3 pm **or** 7pm – 9 pm in the Parlour
- May 30 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 2 **Worship Service** 10:30 am
- June 11 **UCW Spring Fling** – Garden Party at Steeb's 12 noon

**IN OUR CHURCH:**

**UCW Meeting:** **Monday May 27 at 1 PM** in the Parlour. Special Guest speaker Robin Smart - the Public Education Coordinator for Alzheimer Society. Robin will talk about Memory Loss. How to distinguish between age related memory loss and more concerning memory changes? What are the warning signs of dementia? Learn some tips to help with memory and the latest research on brain health. Learn about the society's services. She also will have handouts. All women are welcomed to come and learn, ask questions on this topic we all can identify with.

**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.



**Faith Study: “The Chosen”** – follow the story of Jesus and his disciples as the picture of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine is brought to life. While it follows the Biblical stories we know, this version fleshes out the two-dimensional depiction of the disciples into a reflection of ourselves. If you missed our first episode you can catch up online at [www.thechosen.tv](http://www.thechosen.tv) (click ‘Watch’ at the top and then ‘Season 1’ and then look for ‘S1 E1: I Have Called You By Name.’ **On May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 7pm**, we will watch both “Shabbat” and ‘Jesus Loves the Little Children.’ If we find there’s interest, we’ll continue watching in the fall!

**The Annual UCW “Spring Fling”** will be held in “The Steeb’s Garden” at 159 Riverbank Drive, Cambridge at **12 noon on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>!** We are planning a “Royal Garden Party”. Lunch will be served outside at 12:30 with ‘royal touches.’ Bring your own lawn chair and a sun hat. **Please RSVP to Muriel - 519-893-8124 before Monday, June 3rd.** Donations to M&S would be appreciated.



**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. 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>.

**Community Garden Plot** There is one garden plot available – please contact Brenda Michi if you’re interested



**Bridge Club from Ellen Edwards:** Good morning, friends of the SJR Bridge Club. It has been brought to my attention that there are several members of our church that are unaware of our existence. We play monthly and while we are small, we are mighty! Our next gathering will be held on **June 14<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the Rainbow Room with a potluck lunch followed by playing by 1pm. We avoid conventions so as to not leave another out. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Ellen



**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 you 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](mailto: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>. 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.

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\* The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday 12:00 noon. \*

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