
St. James'–Rosemount United

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Church

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



...we should be called
children
of God;
and so we are.

1 John 3:1, ESV

June 2, 2024 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
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

Etude in G major (Johann Wilhelm Hassler)

Opening Hymn

I Have Called You

MV 161

Call to Worship

One: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,

All: people with vision.

One: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,

All: people with questions.

One: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,

All: people with self-doubts.

One: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,

All: people with courage.

One: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,

All: people with regrets.

One: We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,

All: people with wisdom from the margins.

One: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha, like John, Mark and Priscilla,

All: people with a part to play in the story of faith.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst*

One: All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who you are.

All: You know us better than we know ourselves – our thoughts and actions – and still you love us.

One: No matter where we go or what we do,
your love encircles us—ahead and behind.
Your love leads and guides and blesses,
it calls to us, nudges us, compels us,
to hear the cries of those in need.
To hear the cries of our own heart.

**All: In this time of worship together,
we hear words of your love, we listen for you,
as we examine our attitudes and actions,
lay bare the things we need to confess,
as we are challenged your word,
as we are guided to paths that lead to life.
For we are your people, called by your name...**

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) **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

¹ Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. ² One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. ³ God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was. ⁴ The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. ⁵ Samuel hurried to Eli and

said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did. ⁶ Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down." (⁷ Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.) ⁸ A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been. ¹⁰ Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

Anthem **How Can I Keep from Singing** (arr. Timothy Shaw)

*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.*

*I hear the sweet, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing:
It finds an echo in my soul -
how can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Saviour liveth.*

*What though the shadows gather 'round?
Songs in the night he giveth.*

Refrain *No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging:
since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing:
all things are mine since I am his -
how can I keep from singing? Refrain*

Reflection *Your servant is listening*

Hymn **Lord, Speak to Me**

VU 589

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 **Largo from Concerto in G minor** (G.F. Handel)

* 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 **Walk with Me** VU 649

* 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

Galliard

(William Byrd)

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

Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service today!

Come and enjoy some refreshments
together in the Rainbow Room.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- June 4 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 6 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 9 **Celebrate our Children** Worship Service and BBQ 10:30 am
- June 11 **UCW Spring Fling** – Garden Party at Steeb's 12 noon

SUMMER SERVICES:

We will be sharing Summer Worship Services with
Calvary Memorial United, Trinity and Forest Hill United.
Summer Services will be at **10:00 a.m.**

July 7, 14, 21: Meet at **Calvary Memorial United**
Rev. Gary Clark leading
91 Gruhn St, Kitchener

July 28, Aug. 4, 11: Meet at **Forest Hill United**
Rev. Chris leading
121 Westmount Rd E Kitchener



Aug. 18, 25, Sept. 1: Meet at **St. James'~Rosemount United**
Rev. Tim Graham leading
171 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener

IN OUR CHURCH:

**Fundraiser for Monica Place: on until this Thursday
evening June 6th.** A table is 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 be 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.

Church Party Next Week! A Special Sunday: Celebrating Our Children June 9th in celebrating our children & youth and recognizing all the wonderful people who support them through the Nursery and Sunday School. Join us for Games, Activities, and a BBQ after the service! Please bring lawn chairs and to help us cut down on use of paper plates please bring your own plates & cutlery.

The Annual UCW "Spring Fling" will be held in "The Steeb's Garden" at 159 Riverbank Drive, Cambridge at **12 noon on Tuesday June 11th!** 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 before Monday, June 3rd.** Donations to M&S would be appreciated.



Calling All Quilters: We're almost ready to start hand quilting the amazing 70th Anniversary Quilt that SJR created. We need to set some dates to meet at the church to finish this project. If you are interested in helping to hand quilt this beautiful work of art please contact the church office.

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. More information <https://www.redcross.or.ke>

Community Garden Plot There is one garden plot available – please contact the church office



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 14th 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 the church office: mail@sjruc.ca



The UCC is turning 100 On **June 9th at 4 pm** we begin a year of

celebrations for our beloved United Church of Canada with a service at Metropolitan United in Toronto. Trinity & Forest Hill United Churches 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. Register at the Forest Hill & Trinity office: call 519-744-3481 or email office@foresthillunited.org. The folks in this picture are now part of our history. We invite you to be part of our continuing history which begins June 9th.

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Prayer in the Park: TODAY 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 June 2nd.

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

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