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# St. James'-Rosemount United

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*God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith*



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**June 23, 2024 – Indigenous Day of Prayer**  
**Worship Leaders:**  
**Dorothy Hibbard & 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**

*(Reinhold Glider)*

Opening Hymn

**Just As I Am**

VU 508

Call to Worship

One: In the presence of Creator, we gather:

**All: People carrying burdens we may not know about looking for comfort; folks needing their spirits refreshed.**

One: We draw together hoping for that touch that will enliven us, longing to be embraced in arms of love and understanding.

**All: Help us to put aside our differences and see the earth as you see it, boundary-free.**

One: You call us all: babies, toddlers on unsteady feet, school-age children with curious minds, teens with questing spirits, full of youthful confidence one moment and like frightened children the next.

**All: We are called, as adults trying to take good paths watching out for the next generations, and those easing into their winter years passing on our teachings.**

One: We are all kin in this meeting place whether we gather in person or through technology, our spirits joining to say meegwetch for all that we have been blessed with.

**All: Thanks be to God for the goodness in our lives.**

## Opening Prayer

One: All-encompassing God, you who called creation out of chaos. You breathed the sacred word *Ruah* (meaning breath or Spirit) and life came into being. Your magnificence is a Holy Mystery that we are too human to be able to comprehend, even as we experience it. We give thanks for that which is beyond our comprehension. It allows us to dream and imagine. We give all praise and glory to you, Most Holy, for holding us in all the seasons of our days, to love, and to cherish, in this life, and in everlasting life. We are in awe of our covenanted love and journey with you...

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 remain in Worship.  
Activity bags are in the Narthex.*

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

Scripture Reading (JPS Translation - adapted) **Isaiah 40:28-31**  
Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is God from of old, Creator of the earth from end to end, who never grows faint or weary, with wisdom that cannot be fathomed. The LORD gives strength to the weary, fresh vigor to the spent. Youths may grow faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but they who trust in the LORD shall renew their strength as eagles grow new plumes. They shall run and not grow weary, they shall march and not grow faint.

Reflection Dorothy Hibbard reflecting on her time working in Pikangikum First Nation

Hymn **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky** VU 509

Reflection part two

## **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 **At the River** (A Copland)  
Solo: Ryder deGraaf

\* 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

Response **On Eagle's Wings** VU 808

Refrain: *And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

\* Closing Hymn **Take My Life and Let it Be** VU 506

\* 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 **Brethren, We Have Met to Worship** (arr. Cindy Berry)

***Stay for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the Service today!***

**Check the Narthex today for your Stewardship Update  
and for your printed copy of the Church Mouse  
(if you have not received the digital version.)**

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

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- June 25 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 27 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 30 **Eight Years?!** 10:30 am
- July 7 to 21 Meet at Calvary Memorial 91 Gruhn St – see below:

**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:

### **You've got mail!** Your Summer Stewardship Update is



here - check the Narthex for your letter. If you would like to receive regular contribution envelopes or contribute via Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) contact the church office.

**June Church Mouse Newsletter:** The latest edition has been published! If you have requested a paper copy, it can be found in the box in the Narthex with your name on it. Spare copies are available for visitors as well in a separate stand in the Narthex. If you would like to receive a link to the digital version or a prefer a paper copy, please contact the office:



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### **You're invited to Norma's Birthday Celebration!** We

invite you to drop in at St. James'~Rosemount

United Church on ***Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>***

***between 2:00 and 4:00p.m.*** to help Norma celebrate her **90<sup>th</sup>** birthday. Best wishes only please. Come and wish Norma a happy birthday and enjoy a piece of cake and a beverage. If you are going to attend, please confirm to [stephanieauer@icloud.com](mailto:stephanieauer@icloud.com) so that we have enough cake.



**A Special  
Birthday**

**Calling All Quilters** We have begun to quilt our 70th Anniversary Quilt!! All are welcome to come and put some itty-bitty stitches - using an itty-bitty needle - into the squares on our quilt. Quilting is on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. Please enter by the Kensington door. Come and join the fun!

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



**Needed: GG&M Volunteers for September 1<sup>st</sup>** We have volunteers to host the GG&M for August 18 and 25, however we need coverage for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help out that morning, please contact the church office.

**Church Directory** While we had hoped to have the finished directory in hands for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, unfortunately its printing has been delayed until the fall. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

**A Community Festival for all Ages** The Cherry Park neighbourhood Association runs its Cherry Park Festival on **Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** in Cherry Park at 81 Strange St. (between Park & Strange St.) This HUGE one-day event (from 11 am -5 pm) features cherry pie, cherries, scones and cherry ice cream, two stages of entertainment (Erick Traplin, the Jazz Gangsters, and Irish & Scottish influences), vendors, the Cherry Train & bouncy castle, artificial ice rink (bring your skates), house maze, rock climbing, antique car show, food trucks... and it's FREE... except for the food! FREE PARKING at the Dominion Tire lot near the park. July 6<sup>th</sup> there's something for everyone at Cherry Park!

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***The SJRUC office will be staffed  
intermittently in July & August.  
E-mail is the best way to reach the office.***

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