

St. James'-Rosemount

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United Church

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



June 16, 2024– 99th Anniversary of the UCC
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 gives our thanks for their conservancy.

Liturgy by Penny Nelson and Michelle Armstrong, in consultation with Marcia McFee, PhD, worshipdesignstudio.com

Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Minuet in B-flat Major

(Johann Christian Bach)

Opening Hymn

Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

Call to Worship

One: From deep soil comes bold and daring growth.

All: From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.

One: We come today to marvel at what has been harvested and prepare for what will come.

All: We come to celebrate where we are and where we have been.

One: We come rejoicing with our ancestors in faith across generations: The Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians, the Evangelical United Brethren, and Local Union Churches, and our full communion partners across this world:

The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, The United Church of Christ, The United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

All: We give thanks to God for the blessings of past, present, and future, and dare to plant these seeds of faith anew!

Opening Prayer

One: Again and again, God, we come to this time and place with a song! Each day you give us a chance to begin anew: to drink deeply of your Spirit, to boldly follow in the Way of Jesus, and to dare to seek justice as we seek relationship with our neighbours and you. Again and again, God, you call us out of our old lives and into your new day.

And so, as we celebrate the 99th anniversary of this United Church of yours, help us to reflect back with clarity upon all that deserves to be celebrated, all that deserves to be lamented, and all that deserves to be let go. We are not perfect, God, but we are yours, and we trust that you are with us every day. This day, and always, help us to be good grain that is planted and tended by your love, so that in the year to come we may flourish in this time and place. **Amen.**

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 (The First Nations Version) **John 12:20-28**

"Along with the Tribal Members of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) who came to participate in the Passover festival, there were also many outsiders from

other nations who would come. There were people from these nations who came to celebrate the festival from Land of Wisdom Seekers (Greece). These were people who often prided themselves in their study of wisdom and knowledge. They went up to Friend of Horses (Philip), who was from House of Fishing (Bethsaida) in Circle of Nations (Galilee). Knowing him to be one who walked with Creator Sets Free (Jesus), they said to him, "Honored friend, we would like to see Creator Sets Free (Jesus), your Wisdomkeeper." Friend of Horses (Philip) did not know what to do, so he found Stands with Courage (Andrew) and asked him what he thought. Then together they both went to see Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and told him that the Wisdom Seekers (Greeks) wished to see him. He answered them, "It is time for the True Human Being to be lifted up to his place of honor. I speak from my heart. **If a seed is un-planted, it remains only one seed, but if it dies, falls to the earth, and enters the ground, it will then grow and become many seeds.**" "The ones who love the kind of life this world gives will lose the life they seek, but the ones who let go of their life in this world and follow my ways will find the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony." Tell these Wisdom Seekers (Greeks) to walk the road with me. Anyone who wants to serve me will walk in my footsteps, and I will take them to the same place I am going. If they give up their lives to serve me in this way, my Father will honor them." A look of sorrow came over the face of Creator Sets Free (Jesus). "But now I am deeply troubled and in anguish!" he said. "Should I ask my Father to rescue me from this hour that has now come? No I came into the world for this time and for this purpose." He then lifted his face, looked up to the sky, and sent his words to the Great Spirit. "Father," he prayed, "honor your name and show the world the beauty of it." Suddenly, a voice from above spoke out of the sky, "I have honored my name, for it represents who I am, and I will once again honor and show the beauty of it."

Solo My Love Colours Outside the Lines (MV 138)
Soloist: Roland Kessler

Reflection *Unplanted*

Hymn **Today We All Are Called** VU 507

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

Arioso

(Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach)

* 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

A New Creed

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn

Go to the World

VU 420

* 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

Prelude in F major

(Johann Sebastian Bach)

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**Check the Narthex today for your Stewardship Update Letter
and for your printed copy of the Church Mouse (if you are not
receiving 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 18 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 20 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- June 23 **Indigenous Day of Prayer** with Dorothy Hibbard 10:30am
- June 30 **Eight Years?! 10:30am**

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. **Please remember to check your letter today.**

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: mail@sjruc.ca



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. Marney is available after church today in the Rose Room to show you what they have been doing. Come and join the fun!

Fundraiser for Monica Place: We have just completed a very successful fundraiser for Camino Wellbeing and Mental Health (Monica Place) which took place from April 28th until June 6th. We were able to deliver the donated items to Monica Place the following day on June 7th, including large quantities of diapers plus an amazing amount of homemade, handcrafted, baby clothes and blankets, along with other new, beautiful clothing purchased from stores. Needless to say our donation was greatly appreciated. It is expected financial donations to Camino Wellbeing and Mental Health destined for Monica Place has been received by SJRUC, and will be soon tallied for delivery to Monica Place. Our next fundraiser will take place from September 15th to October 24th for the Waterloo Regional Food Bank. Your support is greatly needed by the agencies we support: Monica Place, Waterloo Regional Food Bank, and OneRoof Youth Services. Thank you!

Community Garden Plot There is one garden plot available – please contact the church office if you are interested.



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

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

Kenya Flooding Aid: We recently received a note from Plous Aggrey Omondi, 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. Consider donating to the Kenya Red Cross Flood Response. More information <https://www.redcross.or.ke>

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Yard Sale Fundraiser Coming soon! Join Westminster United Church bright and early (7:30 am start!) on Saturday, June 22nd for their annual "Yard" Sale fundraiser. All the shopping takes place indoors, so the weather is no issue! Lots of great deals to be had on so many different items: housewares, small appliances, decor, tools, craft supplies, office supplies, toys, games, books, furniture, art, music, movies, clothing, linens, accessories and more!

A Community Festival for all Ages The Cherry Park neighbourhood Association runs its Cherry Park Festival on Saturday, July 6th 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 icecream, 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 6th there's something for everyone at Cherry Park!

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