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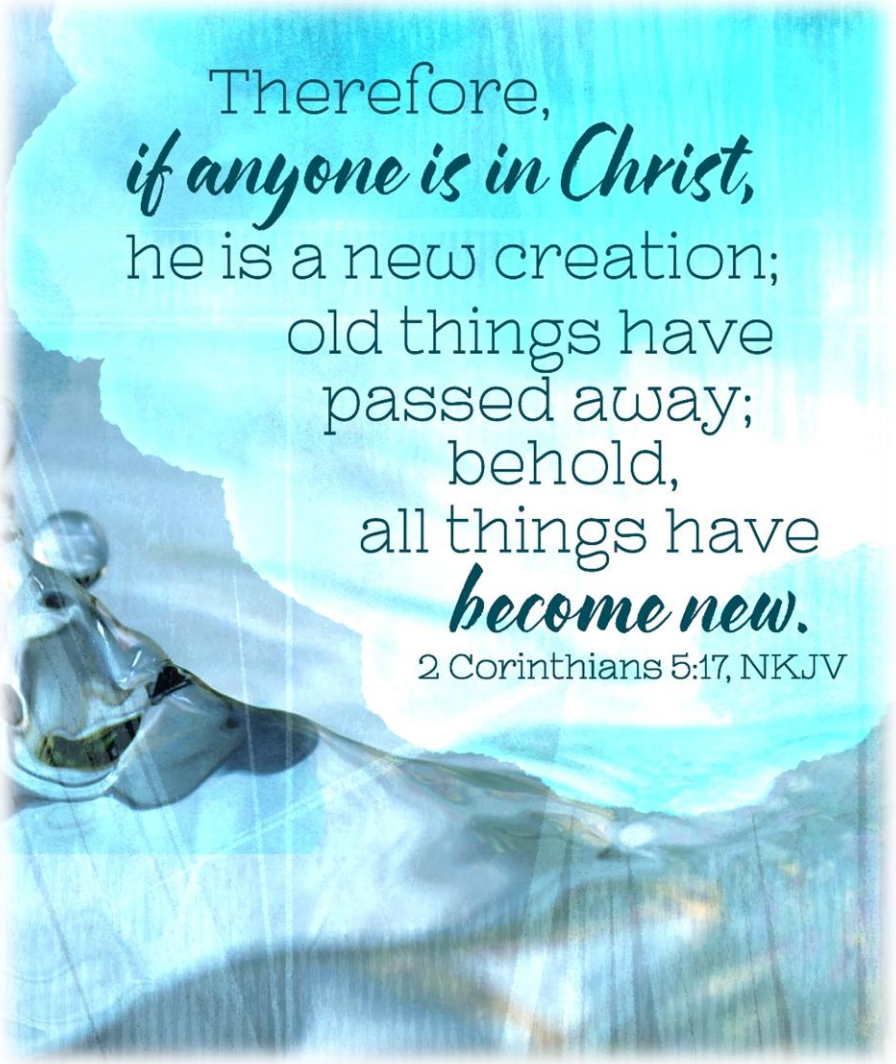

October 25, 2026 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome to worship

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United **MV:** More Voices **TLUS:** Then Let Us Sing

***** 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 patience as we continue to learn from their history and present wisdom, as we dream a future together.

Welcome **Let's Go Together** TLUS 138

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Let's talk together
of a time
when we will share a feast
where pride and power
kneel to serve
the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray,

***Refrain**: singing welcome,*
welcome to this place.
You're invited
to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome,
the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here,
all are welcome in this place.

Announcements and Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude **I Will Arise and Go To Jesus** *(arr. John Carter)*

* Opening Hymn **I Have Called You By Your Name** MV 161

Call to Worship *written by Beth Merrill Neel*

One: We look around and see how we have been blessed –

All: Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith.

One: That goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

All: In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.

One: So let us worship the God who has led us here.

Opening Prayer

One: Generous God,
you gave us our voices, no two the same.
As you did with Abraham and Sarah,
you take and touch our lives and they can become extraordinary.
As with Moses
you refused to focus on his failings, and instead
brought him and the people together towards new life.
And in your Church you have gathered us,
in your community of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people,
lovers and beloved,
you have called us and made a place for us.
So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,
be real for us and honest to you,
as you lead us back into our lives in the world, seeing you at work in all things…

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.

Sharing in the Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Youth and Children are invited to head to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (NIV) **Exodus 12:50-51, 13:17-22**

12:50 All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and
Aaron. 12:51 And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of
Egypt by their divisions. 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not
lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter.
For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to
Egypt." 18 So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red
Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle. 19 Moses took the
bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an
oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry
my bones up with you from this place." 20 After leaving Sukkoth they camped
at Etham on the edge of the desert. 21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in
a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to
give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the pillar
of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Anthem **For I Know the Plans I Have For You** *(David Schwoebel)*

Reflection **The Beloved Community: God leads…**

Hymn **We are One** VU 402

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** *(G.F. Handel)*

* Offering Response **Your Work, O God** VU 537

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Hymn **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** VU 651

* 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 **Allegro** *(Johann Gottfried Walther)*

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

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Join us for Gather, Gab & Mingle after the service.
Come enjoy some refreshments in the Rainbow Room!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Oct. 25 **Cookie Walk Planning Mtg**. TODAY after the Service – Parlour
- ☐ Oct. 26 **UCW Meeting** – *"Hope International"* 1:00 pm
- ☐ Oct. 27 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym (Tues. weekly)
- ☐ Oct. 28 **Faith Study** "*Experiencing Christmas"*- 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Oct. 29 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am - SJR Gym (Thurs. weekly)
- ☐ Oct. 29 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 pm – Sanctuary
- ☐ Nov. 1 **Worship Service & Sunday School** - 10:30 am

IN OUR CHURCH:

Cookie Walk Planning Meeting TODAY - excited to start Christmas baking? We will be having a planning meeting in the Parlour ***TODAY after service*** for the Cookie Walk (Dec. 5th – mark your calendars!) For more information, please speak with Christine Mitchell.

UCW Meeting TOMORROW October 26, 1 - 3:00 in the Parlour. Andrea will be presenting information about HOPE International and the work they do in Guatemala… especially the life and health saving water supply for the indigenous families.



Faith Study Join us this week - ***Wednesday, October 28th at 1 pm or 7 pm*** for four weeks as we begin our journey to the Advent Season with Matt Rawle in *"Experiencing Christmas - Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent".* Let's rediscover the meaning of the Advent season as we experience Christmas with all our senses in unique encounters.

Your Help is Needed: Gather & Gab needs you to help keep things running smoothly. If you can bring in baking (or store-bought treats) or help serve on Sundays please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or Foyer. Sign up alone or with a friend!



Poinsettia Fundraiser: The Worship/CE Committee of SJRUC is organizing a Poinsettia Fundraiser with all proceeds going to the General Operating Fund of the church. The poinsettias are grown locally by Warren Greenhouses and available in Red, White, or Pink in 4 different sizes. $10.00 - 4.5" pot, $15.00 - 6" pot, $30.00 - 8" pot and $40.00 - 10" pot. Poinsettias can be ordered on Sundays: October 25th, November 1st, & 8th - payment required at time of order by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Poinsettias will need to be picked up at the church on Saturday, December 5th during SJR's Annual Cookie Walk from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Outdoor Fall Clean-Up Help at SJR: Are you able to help with the fall cleanup around our church in the outside gardens including trimming of shrubs? If so, please contact Brenda Michi: brendamichi@yahoo.ca

Salt! Did you know a simple box of iodized salt can prevent mental impairment in children worldwide? SJR UCW is supporting Canadian Food For Children in collecting this vital nutrient! Take up the challenge and help us fill the glass cabinet in the Narthex by the end of November. Be a part of this incredible impact. Your kindness truly matters!

Sharing Place: The next Sharing Place is ***Sat. Nov. 7th, 9-12:30.*** St. Luke's Ev. Luth. Church, 317 Franklin St. N. Kitchener. Can you help? We'll be setting up on Friday starting at 9:00 a.m. and will also need help clearing up after the event on Saturday.

SJR Library is now accepting new or gently used puzzles to make available for lending. If you have any puzzles that you would like to donate to the library leave them on the desk. Depending on stock, some may be donated to our annual garage sale in the spring.

The E.C.H.O. Scholarship Lunch: Giving Back to Give Forward (Endowing Christian Hope & Outreach) On ***November 8th,*** please join us for a free will offering lunch, as we launch our E.C.H.O. scholarship. The proceeds from the lunch will be seeds to start the scholarship to grow. We will be offering a Spaghetti lunch with gluten-free and vegetarian options available along with Caesar Salad, oh, and Cake… did we mention Cake, because a celebration needs Cake. The goal is to support our youth who have helped support us. Your support will help them in a small but impactful way, just like they do for us. Scholarship fund means something as small as an hour less of work for them, which is an hour more for their studies or being able not to worry about a meal before an exam, is peace of mind. They have given back to us, let's give forward to their future… if nothing else, come for the cake.



Visit the Library Cellar in the Rose Room: Purchase your next read for only 25¢! Also, feel free to donate to this library any good reads you no longer wish to keep. Funds help support our SJR church library.

Caring Bins Now Accepting Poppies We're now collecting new or gently worn poppies. If you receive the envelope of poppies in the mail and don't use them, deposit them in the Caring Bins Cupboard in the Narthex coatroom and the we'll return them to the local legion.

Sing In Solidarity: An inclusive, intercultural, intergenerational, and interfaith community singing event takes place on ***Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM*** at Trillium Lutheran Church (also livestreamed on YouTube).

The Grand Philharmonic Choir presents Haydn's Creation at Centre in the Square on ***November 7 at 7:30 pm.*** See the music bulletin board for special pricing and details.

See the bulletin boards for more community events & upcoming concerts.

Note from the office*: The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Exact wording must be provided –100 words maximum. 2 week's notice required for flyers, signup sheets, etc.*

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