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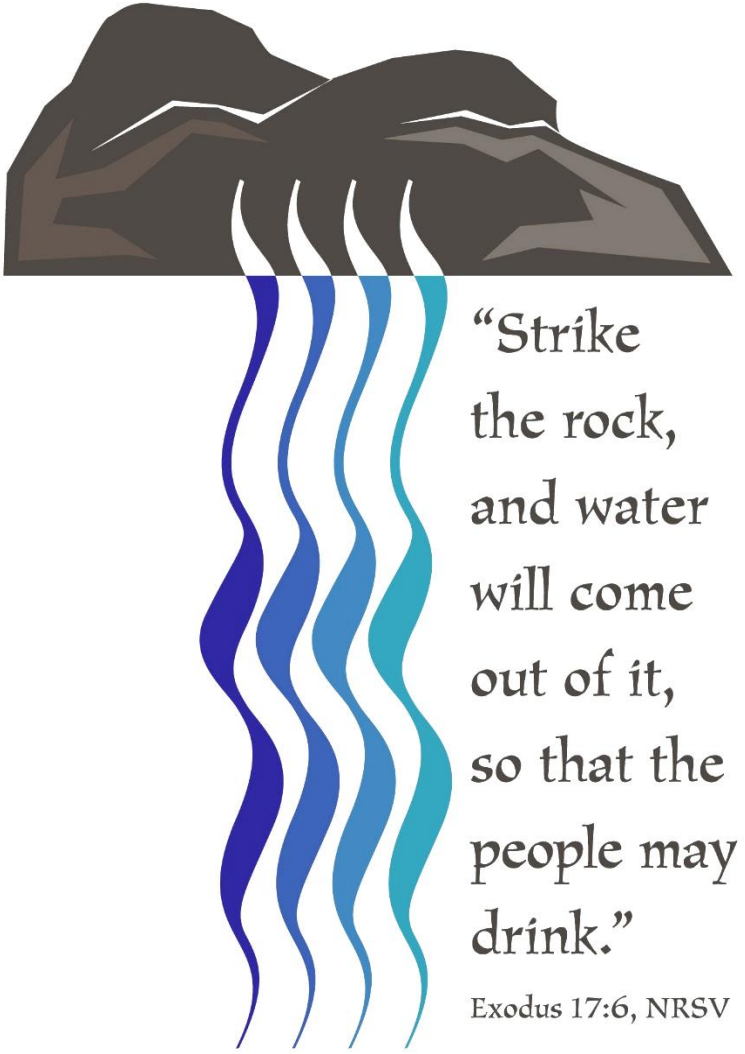

November 1, 2026 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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 dream together
of the day
when earth and heav'n are one,
a city built
of love and light,
the new Jerusalem,
where mourning turns to dancing,
ev'ry creature lifts its voice,

***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 **Song Without Words** *(Felix Mendelssohn)*

* Opening Hymn **Way Maker** TLUS 8

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You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You **Refrain**

Refrain: *You are, Way maker, Miracle Worker*
Promise keeper, Light in the Darkness
My God, that is who You are (repeat)

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, touching every life,
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, meeting every need,
I worship You, I worship You **Refrain**

Call to Worship *adapted by a prayer by John van de Laar*

One: In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
in the days of heat and thirst,
you offer us living water,

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

One: When we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you are here, meeting every need.

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

One: When life's regrets and the choices we regret,
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us renewing love.

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

One: We thank you and praise you, O God,
we worship you, grateful to be here.

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst*

One: God, you are full of compassion and love.
Your patience knows no limits.
Time after time we have experienced
your care and provision.
Time after time you've answered our prayers and met our needs — often in ways we could never have dreamed possible.
We praise you for your faithful love toward us.

All: Fill us with compassion.
Help us express our faith as love.
Give us patience beyond measure.
Enable us to be the answer to someone else's prayer, as we share faithful love with our world.

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 to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (NIV) **Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from
place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there
was no water for the people to drink. **2** So they quarreled with Moses and said,
"Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why
do you put the Lord to the test?" **3** But the people were thirsty for water there,
and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out
of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" **4** Then Moses

cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Anthem **Song For Peace** *(MacGillivray/Loomer)*
Evelyn Esch, soloist

Reflection **The Beloved Community: Faith and Action**

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 **Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier** *(J.S. Bach)*

* 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

Honouring the Light

Response **Let There Be Light** VU 679

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Hymn	**For all the Saints** *v1*	VU 705
	Give Thanks for Life *v1-4*	VU 706

* 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 **Postlude** *(Anton Bruckner)*

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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!

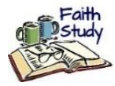
FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Nov. 3 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym (Tues. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 4 **Faith Study** "*Experiencing Christmas"*- 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 5 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am - SJR Gym (Thurs. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 5 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 pm – Sanctuary
- ☐ Nov. 8 **Worship Service & Sunday School** - 10:30 am
- ☐ Nov. 8 **E.C.H.O. Lunch** after the Worship Service – see announcement

The office administrator will be out of the office this week.
E-mail and voice mail will be monitored.

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.

IN OUR CHURCH:



The E.C.H.O. Scholarship Lunch: Giving Back to Give Forward (Endowing Christian Hope & Outreach) On ***November 8th after the Service, please join us in the SJR Gym 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.

Faith Study Join us this week – ***Wednesday at 1 pm or 7 pm*** for f 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.



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.

Sharing Place: The next Sharing Place is Sat. Nov. 14th, 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.

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!

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!

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.



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.

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

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If you know of anyone needing a visit, please let Rev. Chris know.