St. James' - Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



November 8, 2026 – Remembrance Day
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 & Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

*(Please stand for the **Silent** Advance of the Colours)*

***** Advance The Colours

***** Placing Of The Wreath

***** Last Post Alanna Collins – *Trumpet*

***** One Minute Silence

***** They Shall Not Grow Old

One: They shall not grow old as we grow old, age shall not weary them or years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them

All: We shall remember them.

***** Reveille/ The Rouse Alanna Collins – *Trumpet*

***** National Anthem **O Canada** VU 524

***** Present the Colours

* In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

Prelude **Abide with Me** *(Hal Hopson)*

Opening Prayer

One: Holy One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost.

For some, the price was their last breath.
For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit.
Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

All: Forgive us for using violent words or actions as a way to resolve our differences.

One: On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms and we say "Lest we forget."
For around our world, wars and unrest still devalue human life, remembering that the scars to one are a pain felt by all.

All: Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

One: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we carry disagreements with us, hurts that refuse to heal, forgiveness that we withhold,
times when we force our way upon others.

All: Connect and correct us, God.
Teach us the way you forgive, with limitless mercy and compassion, as we seek to do the hard work of peacemaking.

One: For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us…

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.

Hymn **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.

Story Time

Youth and Children are invited to head to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEV) **Numbers 21:4-9**

4 The Israelites had to go around the territory of Edom, so when
they left Mount Hor, they headed south toward the Red Sea.
But along the way, the people became so impatient 5that they
complained against God and said to Moses, "Did you bring us
out of Egypt, just to let us die in the desert? There's no water
out here, and we can't stand this awful food!" 6Then the Lord
sent poisonous snakes that bit and killed many of them. 7Some
of the people went to Moses and admitted, "It was wrong of us
to insult you and the Lord. Now please ask him to make these
snakes go away." Moses prayed, 8and the Lord answered,
"Make a snake out of bronze and place it on top of a pole.
Anyone who gets bitten can look at the snake and be saved
from death." 9Moses obeyed the Lord. And all of those who
looked at the bronze snake lived, even though they had been
bitten by the poisonous snakes.

Anthem **Prayer of the Children** *(Kurt Bestor)*
Trio: Evelyn Esch, Jennifer Carter, Dave Davidson

Reflection **The Beloved Community: Love and Justice**

Hymn **Abide with Me** VU 436

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 **Sinfonia** *(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

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Hymn **We Turn to You** **VU 685**

* 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.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please remain seated in silence as
we conclude our service with the postlude.

Postlude **Prelude in G minor** *(J.S. Bach)*

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A Special Thanks for Alanna Collins,
who provided the trumpet music for
our Remembrance service this morning.

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

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Nov. 8 **E.C.H.O. Lunch TODAY** after the Worship Service
- ☐ Nov. 10 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym (Tues. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 10 **Unified Board Meeting** – 8:00 pm
- ☐ Nov. 11 **Faith Study** "*Experiencing Christmas"*- 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 12 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am - SJR Gym (Thurs. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 12 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 pm – Sanctuary
- ☐ Nov. 15 **Worship Service & Sunday School** - 10:30 am

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



<u>The E.C.H.O. Scholarship Lunch</u> -
TODAY Giving Back to Give Forward
(Endowing Christian Hope & Outreach)
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.



<u>Poinsettia Fundraiser</u>: LAST CALL TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY! Choose Red, White or Pink colour in 4 different sizes. $10 – 4.5" pot, $15 – 6" pot, $30 – 8" pot and $40 – 10" pot. Payment by cash, cheque, debit or credit card required at time of order. Poinsettias to be picked up at the church on Saturday, December 5th during SJR's Annual Cookie Walk in the gym from 9:30 to 11:30am.

<u>Faith Study</u> Join us this week – ***Wednesday at 1 pm or 7 pm*** for 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.

<u>Sharing Place</u>: The next Sharing Place is Sat. Nov. 14th, 9-12:30. St. Luke's Ev. Luth. Church, 317 Franklin St. N. Kitchener. Help needed Friday starting at 9 a.m. & up after the event on Saturday.

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 fall cleanup in the outside gardens - 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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