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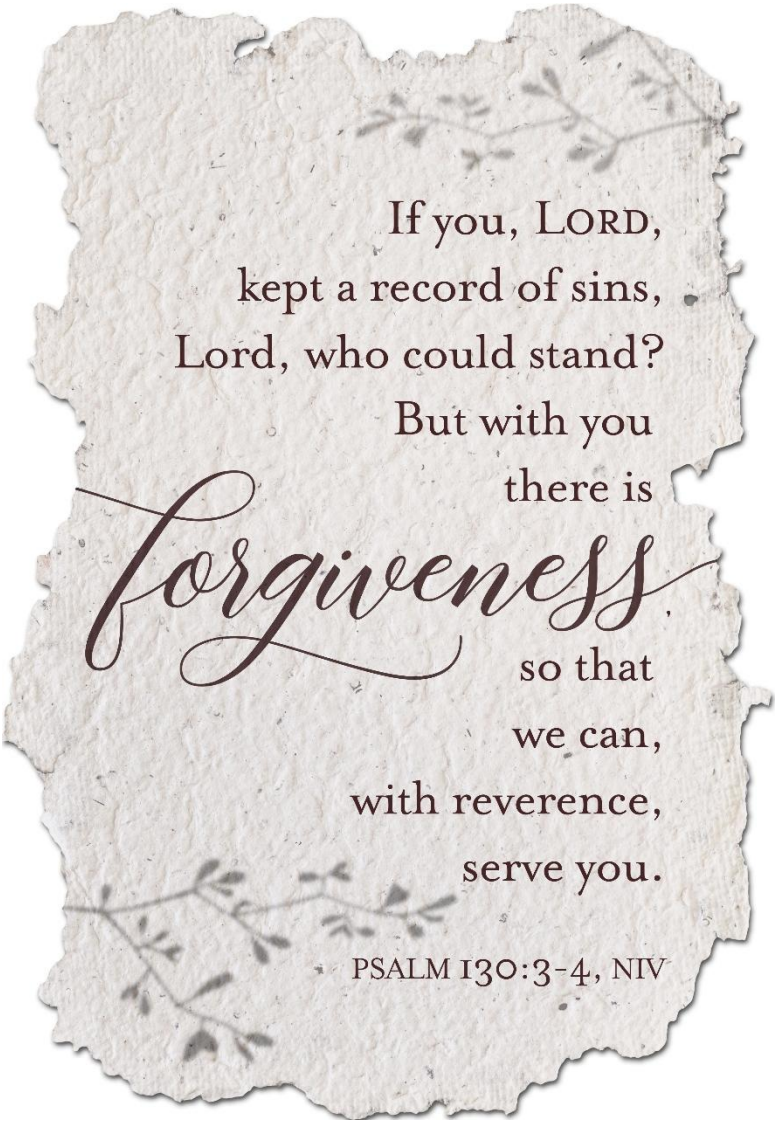

November 15, 2026 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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 **God Will Take Care of You** *(arr. Cindy Berry)*

* Opening Hymn **I Come with Joy** VU 477

Opening Litany *adapted from a prayer by Christine Sine*

One: God, you have called us from our homes, from the rich diversity of our lives, believing you have called us to unity, but often we have isolated ourselves from others,

All: God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different.

One: God, we believe you have called us to live together as one body,

All: God, forgive us for the times we have created division within your worldwide church.

One: God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others,

All: God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints.

One: God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name,

All: Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves.

One: God, we believe you call us to be one even as you are one, to learn from the mystery of your presence,

All: Forgive us for the disunity we have harboured and bring us together in your name.

…Silence…

One: God and Creator of all humankind,
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one even as you our God are one.
He taught forgiveness as the highest form of love.
May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit,
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

All: God, may we see in your Oneness
our need for unity,
God, may we see in your Three-ness
our need for community
God, may we see in your creativity
our need for diversity,
God, may we see in your Self our need to love each other…

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 (Ralph Milton Story Bible) **Deuteronomy 34**

Moses stood up on top of Mount Nebo. From there, he could see the land of Canaan. This was the land that God had promised the Hebrew people. Moses felt sad and happy. He was sad and happy as he thought about all the things that had happened in his life. Moses remembered how God had spoken to him from a burning bush. God told Moses to go and lead the people out of Egypt. Moses remembered how God had kept them in the desert for forty years. The desert had been like a school. God had wanted the Hebrew people to know what it meant to be God's chosen people. God's special people. That's why God had given them the ten commandments and many other lessons about how to live in God's way. Moses was sad. The Hebrews had found it so hard to trust God. They found it hard to believe that God would be with them even when bad things were happening to them. But Moses was happy. Now, at last, the Hebrews were ready to go into the land God had promised. It looked like such a beautiful land from there on top of Mount Nebo. That made Moses happy. It would be good for the Hebrew people to get out of the hot, dry desert. But Moses felt sad. God had said to Moses. "I will let you see this new land with your eyes, but you can't go into it." Moses was 120 years old. He was still strong and healthy, but he knew he would die soon. So Moses asked one of his helpers, Joshua, to stand beside him. "People of Israel," said Moses. "Joshua has God's spirit in him. I am going to die soon. God has asked Joshua to be your leader." Then Moses put his hand on Joshua's head, and said a prayer to God. "Please God, help Joshua be a good leader. Help him to listen to all the things you say." Not long after that,

Moses died. The people of Israel were very sad. Since then, the people of Israel have never had a leader like Moses. They all said it was because Moses was the only one who talked to God face to face.

Anthem **Umoja Tunaimba** *(Victor C. Johnson)*

Reflection **The Beloved Community: Forgiveness**

Hymn **God, Make us Servants of Your Peace** VU 676

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.

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Offertory **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** *(arr. Hal Hopson)*

* 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 **Amazing Grace** VU 266

* 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 **Basse et Dessus de Trompette**
(Louis-Nicolas Clérambault)

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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Nov. 17 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym (Tues. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 18 **Faith Study** "*Experiencing Christmas"*- 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 19 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am - SJR Gym (Thurs. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 19 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 pm – Sanctuary
- ☐ Nov. 22 **Worship Service & Sunday School** - 10:30 am
- ☐ Nov. 25 **The Chosen - Christmas Special (The Messengers)** 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 29 **1st Advent Worship Service & Sunday School** - 10:30 am
- ☐ Dec. 5 **Cookie Walk!** 9:30 a.m. in the Gym

The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at 12:00 noon. 100 words maximum. 2 week's notice required for flyers, signup sheets, etc.

IN OUR CHURCH

Cookie Walk & Ticket Draw Saturday, Dec. 5th at 9:30 a.m. ***BAKERS NEEDED!*** Sign-up sheets are in the foyer by the offices. We also need items for the ticket draw. Bring your cookies and donations of Ticket Draw items to the church on Dec. 4h, 3-4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. If it is more convenient to bring your auction donation earlier, it may be left on the stage. Be sure to mark it "Ticket Draw". Thank you! Proceeds support SJRUC.

The SJR Library will be closed from Nov. 30 through Dec. 8. The Book Cellar in the Rose Room will remain available for book shopping!

Approaching Advent: With Advent just a few short weeks away, we are preparing to enter this season, considering the theme ***'Generation to Generation,'*** God's faithfulness over the years***. On Nov. 29th*** you are invited to bring an ornament or decoration or nativity piece, something that connects you to the past. Please label it well as we add it to our display.

E.C.H.O. Scholarship Update: Thank you to all for your wonderful support in the launch of our E.C.H.O Scholarship fund. A special thank you to those that helped with setup and cleanup, the younger Sunday School for the amazing posters, the older Sunday School for your service, as well as the Lunch Bunch and Jim and Teresa Carse for their help, not just with cleanup but also with wisdom and support. Our lunch raised over $600!!! This is a wonderful start in supporting our youth, as they support us and the future of our church. Thank you all so much.



Poinsettia Fundraiser Update Thank You! The Worship/CE committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who sold and purchased Christmas poinsettias over the last month in support of the fundraiser. In total 150 poinsettia plants were purchased with $980 raised for the General Operating Fund of our church. Well done!!! Poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sat. Dec 5th from 9:30-11:30 am during SJR's Cookie Walk.

oneROOF: The final Mission & Outreach fundraiser in 2026 will take place from Sunday November 15th until Thursday December 17th to support oneROOF Youth Services. Please observe the "oneROOF Wish List" displayed at the usual collection sites within the church. Last year the fundraiser for oneROOF was a huge success, with $1,840 collected along with a very large donation of items on their wish list. Our White Gift Sunday is on December 6th – a perfect opportunity to support oneROOF!

Faith Study Join us this week – ***Wednesday at 1 pm or 7 pm*** for our last session on the 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.

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 Foyer. Sign up alone or with a friend!

Salt! A simple box of iodized salt can prevent mental impairment in children around the world - SJR UCW is supporting Canadian Food For Children in collecting this vital nutrient! Take up the challenge and help us fill the cabinet in the Narthex by the end of November. Your kindness matters!

Annual Committee Reports It's that time of year again! Committee Reports are due to be received at the SJR Office mail@sjruc.ca no later than Dec. 31, 2026. Please email your report to mail@sjruc.ca

Sanctuary Christmas Flowers: To remember a loved one by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund, please add your name to the form in the Narthex and place your donation of $10 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers on the collection plate ***by Sun. Dec. 13th***. A list of donors will be posted on the bulletin board in the office foyer, as well as printed in the Christmas Day Dec. 25th bulletin. A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact Christine Mitchell



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