# St. James' - Rosemount United Church

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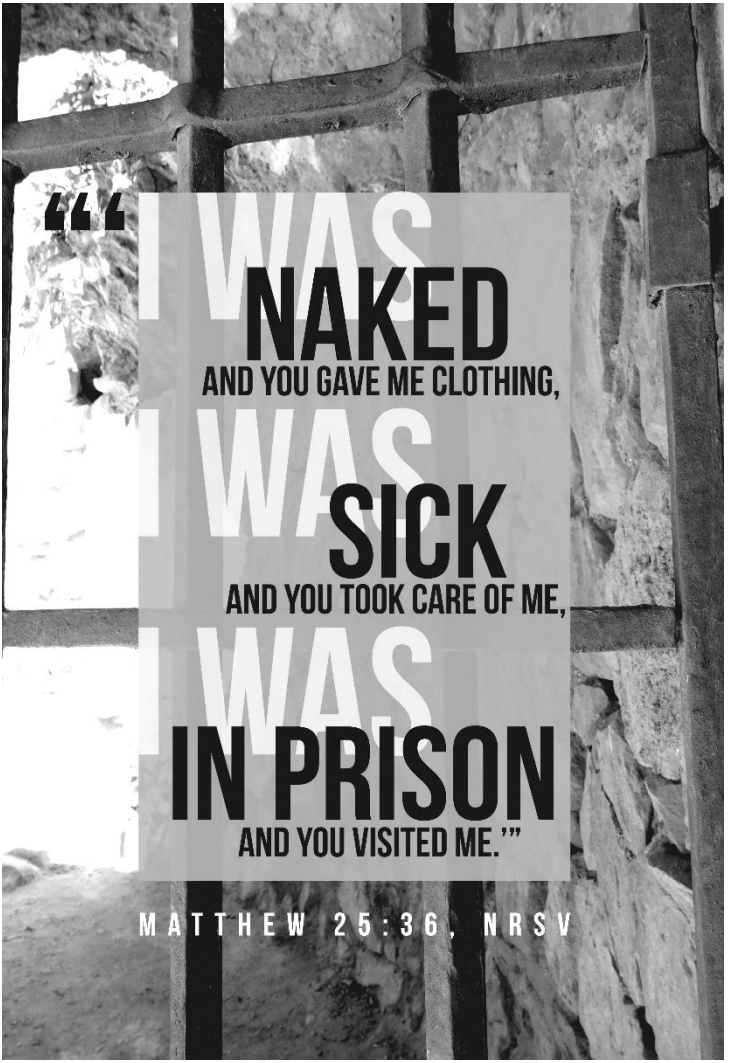


**November 22, 2026 – Last Sunday after Pentecost**
**Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling**

# 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 **Be Thou My Vision** *(arr. Joel Raney)*

* Opening Hymn **Jesu, Jesu** VU 593

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel*

One: We gather as God's beloved children –

**All: Loved as we are, however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

**All: Loved for who we might be together, so this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

One: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –

**All: As we love as we have been loved, let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer *adapted from a prayer by Christine Jerrett*

One: We have followed you here Jesus,
sought your presence here,
listening for your Word: your Word that gives life;
your Word that heals the wounded heart;
your Word that speaks truth.

**All: Teach us your Way, O Lord Jesus.**
**Lead us on a well-lighted path.**
**In the times when you are silent,**
**grant us the courage to wait,**
**trusting in your grace**
**that brings your resurrection power**
**to our dead ends.**

One: You are doing a 'new thing' among us, though, it is hard to see at times what that 'new thing' is.
We bring to you our grieving over what is being lost,
our fears about what the future might hold,
our desire to love and serve you.

All: **By the power of your Holy Spirit,**
**you are refining us, drawing out our discipleship,**
**pulling us into following you in this new world.**

One: Grant us mercy and grace to trust you more deeply,
as we find our secure place is with you,
our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our life.

**All: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus,**
**the first-born of your new creation**
**our hope, our life…**

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 (Common English Bible) **Matthew 25:31-46**

31 "Now when the Human One (or Son of Man) comes in his majesty and all
his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. 32 All the nations will
be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his
right side. But the goats he will put on his left. 34 "Then the king will say to
those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father.
Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. 35 I was
hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I
was a stranger and you welcomed me. 36 I was naked and you gave me
clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you
visited me.' 37 "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did
we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did
we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to
wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 "Then the
king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' 41 "Then
he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible
things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his
angels. 42 I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and
you didn't give me anything to drink. 43 I was a stranger and you didn't
welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick
and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' 44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and

didn't do anything to help you?' **45** Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' **46** And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

Anthem **And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord**
*(C. Hubert H. Parry)*

Reflection **The Beloved Community**

Hymn **I Danced in the Morning** VU 352

## 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 **Aria** *(Leon Nelson)*

* 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 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** VU 2

* 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 **Darwall** *(Healey Willan)*

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

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☐ Nov. 24 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym (Tues. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 25 **The Chosen - Christmas Special (The Messengers)** 1 pm or 7 pm - Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 26 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am - SJR Gym (Thurs. weekly)
- ☐ Nov. 26 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 pm – Sanctuary
- ☐ 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



**You've got mail!** Your Fall Stewardship Update is here! Please 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.

**Faith Study** Join us this week – ***Wednesday, November 25th at 1 pm or 7 pm*** for a unique episode of *The Chosen - Christmas Special (The Messengers)*

**Cookie Walk & Ticket Draw** ***Saturday, Dec. 5th at 9:30 a.m.***
***BAKERS NEEDED!*** Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. We also need items for the ticket draw. Bring your cookies & donations of draw items to the church on Dec. 4h, 3-4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Or bring your auction donation earlier and leave it 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 Sunday, 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.

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

**Gather & Gab needs YOU!** Can you bring baking (or store-bought treats) or help serve on Sundays? Sign up in the Foyer - alone or with a friend!

**Annual Committee Reports** are due at the SJR Office by ***Dec. 31, 2026.*** Please email your report to mail@sjruc.ca

**Salt!** A box of iodized salt can prevent mental impairment in children around the world - SJR UCW is collecting this vital nutrient! Help us fill the cabinet in the Narthex by the end of November. Your kindness matters!

**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 bulletin. A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact Christine Mitchell

**The Grand Philharmonic Choir** presents seasonal favourite Handel's Messiah at Centre in the Square on Saturday December 12 at 7:30 pm. Details are on the bulletin board.

**December 6th Vigil** commemorating Canada's National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women. ***Dec. 6th, 4:30 pm at The Cedars, 543 Beechwood Dr, Waterloo***. See the poster on the bulletin board by the library.




## Christmas Events

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| **Hanging of the Greens** | November 29<br>Carol Sing - 10:15 am<br>Service - 10:30 am |
| **Cookie Walk** | December 5 - 9:30 am |
| **White Gift Sunday** | December 6<br>Carol Sing - 10:15 am<br>Service - 10:30 am |
| **UCW Potluck & Candlelight Communion Service** | December 8<br>Potluck - 6 pm<br>Service - 7:30 pm |
| **Lessons & Carols Service** | December 13 - 10:30 am |
| **Love and Memory Sunday & Children's Pageant** | December 20<br>Carol Sing - 10:15 am<br>Service - 10:30 am |
| **Christmas Eve Services** | December 24<br>Family Service – 6 pm<br>Communion Service - 8 pm |
| **1st Sunday after Christmas** | December 27 – 10:30 am |