

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, October 1, 2017

WELCOME

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LARGE PRINT Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

BULLETIN NOTATIONS:

★ Signal to stand, for those who are able.

VU~Voices United Hymn book **MV**~More Voices Hymn book

Welcome Visitors! We're glad to have you worshipping with us at Parkminster and would like to make sure you feel connected. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of the white information envelopes found in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or put it in the mail slot outside the office. Whether you'd like more information about Parkminster's programs, want to request offering envelopes, or have a question about becoming a member – or whatever else is important to you, we'd love to hear from you! Welcome!

NOW WE GATHER

Prelude: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

arr. by Brad Nix

A warm Parkminster welcome to our new ministers Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather and their families.

Maedith Radlein, Chair of Council

★ Introit: “Let Us Build a House”

♪ MV #1
 (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Welcome

One: Today we embark on a new beginning. Today we celebrate a new ministry that we share together.

To this place we bring heart, soul, mind, and body. We share blessings and fears. We bring openness and hope. We come together as a people whom God calls into community – so this becomes a place where all are welcome.

Today, we remember our relationship with First People which has not always been healing and empowering. With gratitude and respect, we recognize the tribes on whose traditional land we make our spiritual home, Anishnawbe (*An-ish-in-aabe*), the Haudenosaunee (*hau-de-no-sau-nee*), and the Neutral. We acknowledge, with regret, that this history has not always been respectful. We commit to just relationship in the present.

All: Seeking true community, we welcome all who have no church home, need strength, and are seeking deep meaning. Welcome to those who have doubts or who do not believe. Welcome to those whose faith is sure, and to those who believe, but who are asking large questions.

One: Welcome to visitors and to familiar friends. Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, youth and children, couples, and single people.

All: Welcome to people of all colours, gender identities, abilities, and sexual orientations.

One: Welcome to each who is searching for meaning, who is seeking an understanding of community and what it means to accompany one another.

All: As we come together as church, we turn to one another with gratitude and pray that we will be strong together, faithful together, and loving together. We seek blessing as we welcome the great gift of spirit in us, through us, and among us.

Joys and Concerns

★ Children's Song: "Like a Healing Stream" 🎵 MV #144

Story Time

Following the story time, children and youth will leave for Sunday Morning Activities. Happy Learning!

For babies and toddlers, there is the Family Worship Space at the back of the sanctuary. Each week, there will be an adult present so that the children can play and be cared for while parents worship. Parents are free to come and go from that space, according to the needs of their children.

Opening Our Hearts

The transition continues. New ministry leadership for the people of this place. New congregation for Heather and Joe. But then again, life is transition – it's ongoing. No life is static.

Creation and evolution are hallmarks of the Holy One. So in this time and place we ask, "What are you creating, how are you forming and shaping us Holy One?" How do we invite and prepare for the opening that allows us to see and cooperate with this sacred movement? With vulnerable and hospitable hearts let us take our questions into prayer. Let us relax and fall into the arms of grace.

Prayer

Song

**I am becoming peace.
I am becoming peace,
a well of patience, well of grace,
make my soul a holy place.
I am becoming peace.**

NOW WE DISCERN

Ministry of Music: “Sing and Rejoice” *by Sally Albrecht*
(Voices United Choir)

 Scripture: Ruth 2: 1-14 (OT, pg.242)

Ministry of Music: “This is God’s Wondrous World”
arr. by Patricia Hurlbutt
(Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir)

Reflection

★ Hymn: “Wherever You May Go”  MV #216

NOW WE SHARE

Offertory: “Now Thank We All Our God”
arr. by Ron Mallory
(Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir)

Dedication: “What Can I Do?”  MV #191

Offering Prayer, said by **all**:

Holy One, bless these gifts. We commit to share not only our financial resources but our physical and spiritual resources as well. Multiply our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that they may extend your love and justice to all. Amen.

Prayers of the People

★ Hymn: “Travel On, Travel On”  VU #647

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Blessing: “Peace Be with You”  MV #215

Postlude: “Fanfare” *by Jacques Lemmens*

Thank you to everyone who has offered their gift of time to volunteer in various ways this Sunday:

Ushers: Carolyn & Don Rudolph, Barb Wynne, and
 Doris Heselwood
 Greeter:..... Brian Harper
 Lay Reader: Barb Wynne
 Chancel Arrangements: Pat Harris
 Coffee Hour: Membership/Pastoral Care Committee

The Ministry of Parkminster: All of us
 Ministers: Rev. Heather Power (x 22) & Rev. Joe Gaspar (x 23)
 Music Director: Neil Murray (x 25)
 Office Administrator: Melanie Chisholm (x 21)
 Custodian: Allen Switzer (x 26)

Following worship, join us for Coffee Hour in the gym to enjoy a special time of welcome with Joe & Heather!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For a complete listing please refer to the weekly "What's UP" email.
 If you would like to receive "What's UP", please contact the church office.*

Upcoming October Worship Services: Please take special note of these October services.

Sunday, October 15 – Communion: Normally World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October, but since there was a lot going on in our first service with Joe and Heather, it was decided to forego World Communion Sunday and have our traditional monthly communion on October 15.

Sunday, October 22 – COVENANTING SERVICE for us and Joe and Heather

at 3:00pm: This is the service confirming Joe and Heather's ministry with us. Confirming this relationship is a significant part of their joining our community. The presider will be Rev. Fred Monteith and the guest preacher will be Rev. Phillip Cable. Please note this date. We hope to see as many of us here to support them as possible. **There will be a 10:00am morning service as usual on October 22.**

Nancy Dykstra, Chair of Worship

Pastoral Care – Rev. Joe Gaspar and Rev. Heather Power: If you or anyone in the congregation requires pastoral care or you become aware of someone who might be ill, in hospital or in need of some support, please contact Heather or Joe at church by phone at **519-885-0935 (Heather at ext. 22 or Joe at ext. 23)**. Voicemail messages will be checked regularly.

We Are Committed to Right Relationship: The Truth and Reconciliation Report was published in 2015. The framework for reconciliation needs to be in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Adding legislative teeth to this stated endorsement will make a big difference for the future of the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

Bill C-262 is a private member's bill that would create that legislation. Its full title is ***Bill C-262 "An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."*** The United Church is calling on its members to support the passing of Bill C-262.

While you're waiting to talk with Joe and Heather after church today, pick up a postcard and send a note to your M.P. Please take 5 minutes to voice your support. Thank you!

You're Invited! Free BBQ & Community Open House: Join us at Parkminster on **Wednesday, October 4, 5:30pm-7:30pm**. Visit with our new ministers, mingle with our neighbours and see displays of some of the regular activities that happen here every week! The public will be invited to tour the Community Labyrinth and, of course, there will be food! Bring your friends & family to an event that's Fun for Everyone - hope to see you there!

Open House for Laura Forde: Laura is hosting an Open House to celebrate her kidney transplant. She welcomes her Parkminster friends & family to drop in as they are able, anytime **from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday, October 14** – the gathering will be held in our double classroom. Desserts and refreshments will be served. Children welcome!

"JOY DAY": Waterloo Presbyterial invites all Parkminster women and their friends to "JOY DAY". Join us **Saturday, October 21st at Parkminster, from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Tickets are \$15 (purchase on or before October 15). Lunch is included. Please contact Barbara Seaton for more information (519-623-1359).