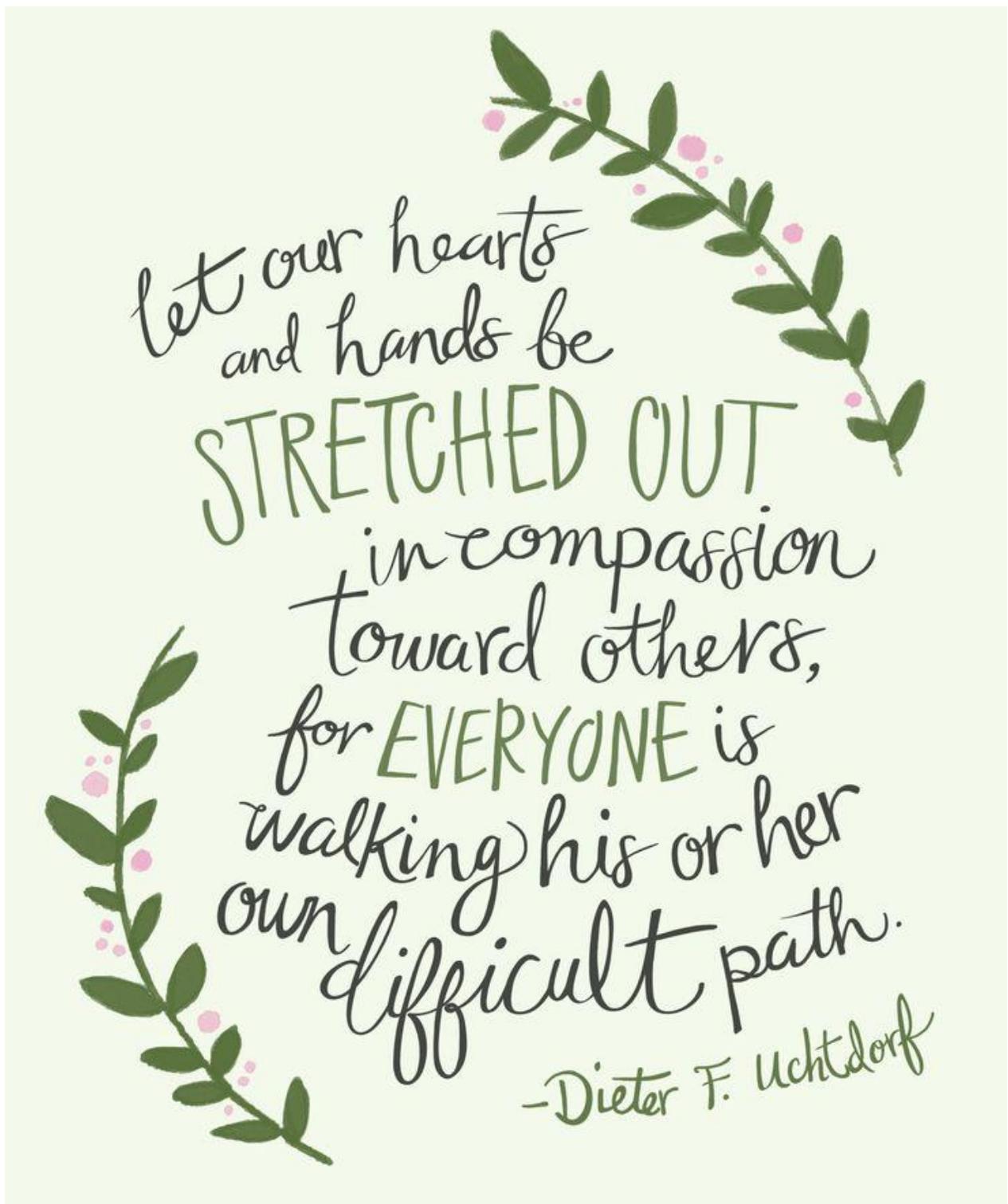


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LARGE PRINT Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

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!

Gospel Gathering

Prelude: “Black Orpheus” *by Louis Bonfi*
 (Tracie Klaehn, flute)

★ Introit: “God, We Praise You” 🎵 VU #415

Welcome

One: In our world where welcome seems to be taking a back seat to self-protection, where the light of love is hidden in the shadow of fear, and where hope for mutuality is a faint flicker, we come seeking the light. In this season when we celebrate the many ways that the holy shows up for us, we long for the light of love.

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 the blessing of the light in this shadowy wintertime, and the confidence that no matter how long the night, love abides.

Joys, Concerns, and Greeting One Another

Today as we greet one another, find two people. Offer your hand to each and this blessing, "Peace be to you." When you have greeted two people, return to your seat and in silence, let the peace you offered to others sink into your spirit.

★ Children's Song: "Jump for Joy"  MV #48

Story Time

Following the story, the children will leave for their own learning time. Happy "living in the light." 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

covenant that created them: “I will be your God,” said Yahweh, “and you shall be my people.”

As time passed, following the rules became the goal of life. It was no longer a means to an end, but the end itself. Perfect obedience superseded other aspects of life, like caring for a neighbour or welcoming a stranger. Jesus did not like to see compassion trumped by the need to keep the Law perfectly. Sadly, the proponents of keeping the Law were the religious leaders, the Scribes, the Pharisees, the temple priests, and local rabbis. They soon saw Jesus as their opponent and the battle between doing the right thing and doing the loving thing ended up with a crucifixion.

Early in Matthew’s gospel, we hear Jesus mediating the conflict between Law and gospel, between obeying and loving. He teaches us how important it is that the last word is always a word of compassion.

Easily we see that opting for compassion is good for the other. Jesus’ second point is that compassion is also good for the one who shares it. When we act with love, it changes our internal landscape and we become whole and holy.

When love is our aim, we open ourselves to love, to the holy, to God. When we love one another, we find that we, too, are transformed, holy, and we live the truth that we call Easter: that love is stronger than death. Compassion is good for the world. It is also good for us.

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★Hymn: “Soil of God, You and I” 🎵 MV #174

Gospel Living

Offertory: “Meditation” *by A.C. Jobim*
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

Dedication: “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours” 🎵 MV #171, v.4

Offering Prayer, said by **all**:

We love with generosity and the world is transformed and we are transformed. Our gifts are love given for the sake of others. They make love’s way in our broken world, and our way to wholeness and peace. Amen.

Prayers that Transform

★ Hymn: “Deep in Our Hearts” 🎵 MV #154

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia 🎵 MV # 52

Postlude: “Tico-Tico” *by Zequinha Abreu*
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

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**TCOW lunch immediately following worship
in the Fellowship Hall.**

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

Ushers: Gale & Bert Blackburn; Heather & Bill Spall

Greeters:..... Doris Jakobsh; Philip, Sophie and

..... Rachel Dempsey

Lay Reader:..... Doris Jakobsh

Counters:..... Bud Adams & Marilyn Hill

Candle Lighters: Sophie & Rachel Dempsey

Musicians: Tracie Klaehn (flute); Lee McWebb (guitar);

..... Angie Murray (cajon)

Music Director: Neil Murray

Chancel Arrangements: Trudie Robbins

The Ministry of Parkminster:	All of us
Ministry of Word & Sacrament (Interim): ..	Rev. Meg Grieve (ext. 23)
Ministry of Pastoral Care (Interim):	Rev. Elaine Beattie (ext. 22)
Ministry of Christian Education:	Kelly Moores (ext. 24)
Music Director:	Neil Murray (ext. 25)
Office Administrator:	Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)
Custodian:	Allen Switzer (ext. 26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUSE GROUP #7 MEETING TODAY- after worship to plan a schedule for our duties for March. Lucky for us, TCOW is providing lunch and an area where we may meet, dine together and plan! Please attend if possible.



MULTILINGUAL LAWN SIGNS - Multilingual lawn signs welcoming neighbours in French/English/Arabic are available for \$10. If you'd like to place an order, you may add your name to the sign-up sheet in the upper hall after the service, or email Nancy Dykstra nancydykstra@gmail.com.

The text reads: "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbour." Last week's orders are ready for pick up after the service. Look for Liz Forde. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE: REV. MEG - Meg is currently covering for Elaine Beattie (interim pastoral care minister). You may contact Meg by leaving her a confidential voicemail at the church 519-885-0935 ext. 23 or at rev.meg.parkminster@gmail.com

This week let us pray for:

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:

Millgrove United Church, Hamilton

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