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Sunday, January 15, 2017 Epiphany 2
Sermon: "Come and See" Rev. Fred Monteith

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!

Gathering

Prelude: "Star of the County Down" arr. Larry Shackley

★ Introit: "God, We Praise You for the Morning" 🎵 VU #415

Welcome

One: In this brief season of Epiphany, a season in which we hear stories of ancient revelations, we gather with eyes wide open to see the surprising places and the expected places in which we will see Holy Mystery revealed in our time.

With gratitude and respect, we recognize the Six Nations tribes on whose traditional land we make our spiritual home. 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

- ★ Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" 🎵 VU #167
- Sermon: "Come and See" *Rev. Fred Monteith*
- Ministry of Music: "Room at the Table" *Carrie Newcomer*
(The Band)

Responding in Faith and Wonder

- Offertory: "Sonata in F" *L. Van Beethoven*
- ★ Communion Hymn: "All Who Hunger" 🎵 VU # 460

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: God is within you.

All: And also within you.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Another:** We thank you God, Father and Mother of us all. From the beginning you made the world and all its creatures; You made people to live for you and for each other.*

All: We praise you, God.

***Another:** You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden; You showed Noah a rainbow; You gave strength to Moses to free his people and taught Miriam to sing; You gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth; You helped David defeat the giant and gave him a harp with which to sign.*

All: We Praise you, God.

One: And yet even they turned away from you and forgot about you, as we do too. But you did not forget. You sent your child Jesus to the world to show us how much you love us and to bring us back to you again.

All : We praise you, God.

Another: *As one of us he came, at first a tender infant, then a child, a youth and an adult. He rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept. To the despairing he spoke a word of hope. To the sick he gave healing. To the rejected he was a friend. And yet he was betrayed and put to death by the powers that be and he was lifted from the grave and restored to life, that he might be with us and we with him. Alive for evermore! Therefore, with all the saints, and with angels in the heavens, our hearts beat with happiness and we sing:*

All: Holy, holy, holy, ♪ VU # 951
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy God!

Santo, santo, santo,
Mi corazon te adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir:
Santo eres Dios!

One: On the night before Jesus died, he had supper with his friends: he took bread; thanked you, as we thank you; broke the bread; and gave the bread to his friends, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this remember me."

Another: *After supper he took a cup of wine; thanked you for it, and passed it to his friends, saying, "This cup is the new promise God has made with you in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup remember me."*

Remembering his death and celebrating his resurrection, we await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth.

One: We pray you, God of Love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

All: Amen

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

All: We give you thanks Creator God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

★ Hymn: "A Light Is Gleaming" ♪ VU #82

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia ♪ MV # 52

Postlude: "Vivo" *Denis Bedard*

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

Ushers: Wendy, Terry, Jocelyn & Trevor Ridgway

Greeters: Megan Eles and Anne Yardley

Lay Reader: Sue MacQueen

Music Director: Neil Murray

The Band: Lee & Benjamin McWebb, John Watson,

..... River Guard, Angie & Neil Murray

Chancel Arrangements: Chancel Committee

Offering Counters: Ron and Colleen Usaty

Coffee Hour: Megan Eles and Peter Waywell

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)



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed in loving memory of Marjorie Heinbuch. A gift from her husband, John.

This week let us pray for:

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,
United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:

Jordon Station United Church (Niagara Presbytery)

Pastoral Care

If anyone in the congregation requires pastoral care support, or you become aware of someone who might be ill, in hospital or in need of some support, please contact our interim pastoral care minister, Elaine Beattie. You may contact Elaine by leaving her a confidential voicemail at the church (519-885-0935 ext. 22), or for urgent matters, at her home (519-826-6961). She is also available at elainebeattie8@hotmail.com.

The **Annual Report** and **Annual Congregational Meeting** (ACM) are coming soon. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 5, 2017**. The ACM will immediately follow the morning worship service in the sanctuary. It is important for as many people as possible to attend as we will need to have quorum for important votes. We will need to approve the 2017 budget, approve a new slate of volunteers for chairs, council executive and committees, governance, etc. There will be coffee and light snack available. We expect that the Annual Report will be available to the congregation a few days ahead of the meeting.

Note: the congregational budget information session will be held after the service on **Sunday, January 29th**. Find out about the budget and have your questions answered ahead of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Small Group Ministry Winter 2017: SPEAK PEACE 101

A 5-week learning circle begins **Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1:15 - 3:30pm (note date change)**. **Facilitator:** Iso McGregor, **Cost:** \$20 (includes text, *Speak Peace in a World of Conflict* by Marshall Rosenberg, and handouts)

Venue: McGregor residence, 55 William St.E. **To register:** contact Iso by email at isobelmcgregor@yahoo.com or 519-954-4822. **NOTE:** parking is limited. Car-pooling or alternate transportation advised.

Please Note: Jim Bowman's group "VIOLENCE DIVINE" is now FULL.

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