



PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
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Sunday, June 18, 2017
Happy Father's Day!

~ Baptism & Communion ~

Reflection: "Spirit, Unity, and the Work of Love"
Rev. Meg Grieve

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: "Sweet Spirit" *arr. Mark Hayes*

★ Introit: "Morning Has Broken" 🎵 VU #409

Welcome

One: In this Pentecost season, we welcome the gift of spirit and hope. We remember how Paul teaches us that there is one spirit who blesses us with different gifts and who calls us to use those gifts for the

common good. We remember that spirit calls us to care for one another and to love the world.

As well, we remember our relationship with First People. With gratitude and respect, we recognize the Six Nations tribes on whose e 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 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, through us, and among us.

Welcome in the Spirit

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of Baptism

Child: Jonah Campbell Kiefer-Kennedy
 Parents: Theodora Kennedy & Geoffrey Kiefer
 God-Mothers: Columba Kennedy, Janine Kiefer
 Sponsor: Wendy Ridgway

Baptismal Song

**I am a child of God, nothing can shake my confidence.
 I am a child of God, no one can take my inheritance.
 Never alone I'll stand, strengthened by God's own hand.
 I am a child. I am a child, a child of God.**

Presentation

We present for baptism Jonah Campbell Kiefer-Kennedy, beloved child of Thea and Geoff. We welcome his new life and pray blessing on him.

Questions for Jonah's Parents, Thea and Geoff and his God Mothers, Columba and Janine:

- ❖ Do you believe in God, whose creative energy makes us with possibility and hope and offers us life that has meaning and purpose?
- ❖ Do you believe in Jesus, the holy-human one who shows us the way of compassion and justice?
- ❖ Do you believe in spirit-energy that supports us and draws us into our full potential?

For Thea and Geoff

Your life has been blessed by your son, Jonah. Will you provide for him a loving home where he can learn right relationship, know safety, be encouraged by your

compassion and faith, and grow into his full potential as a child of God?

For Columba and Janine

You are Jonah's God-Mothers, his loving aunts, his adult friends, his mentors and supporters. Will you love him, play with him and pray for him, and offer him the good example of your lives?

Question for Parkminster United Church

As loving community who trusts in the holy and are committed to justice and peace, will you open the circle of Parkminster United Church and welcome Jonah as a member? Will you support his faith journey and offer him your blessing and peace? **(We will.)**

Thanksgiving for the Water

Celebrating the Sacrament and Anointing Jonah

Presentation of Jonah's Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Sung Blessing

On the day that Jonah was born, on the day that Jonah was born,

On the day that Jonah was born the angels sang and they blew on their horns,

And they danced. They danced. They smiled and raised up their hands

On the day, on the day that Jonah was born.

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★ Children's Song: "Like a Rock"  MV #92

Story Time with Tracie Klaehn and Pecky

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 – Rev. Fred Monteith

We Breathe Together

c Jan Richardson, janrichardson.com

This is the blessing
we cannot speak
by ourselves.

This is the blessing
we cannot summon
by our own devices,
cannot shape
to our purpose,
cannot bend to our will.

This is the blessing
that comes
when we leave behind
our aloneness
when we gather
together
when we turn toward one another.

This is the blessing
that blazes among us
when we speak
the words
strange to our ears.

When we finally listen
into the chaos

when we breathe together
at last.

Prayer

★ Hymn: "Don't Be Afraid" 🎵 MV #90

SPIRIT-PRESENCE

Ministry of Music: *Lani Kerbl, soloist*

📖 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NT, pg. 174)

About Scripture

Today we return to one of the key scriptures that we have shared several times over the past three years. It comes from Paul's letter to the church he started in the cosmopolitan city of Corinth.

When Paul visited Corinth, he gathered together people who were diverse. The church he started was composed of many personalities, people with a varied life experience and faith experience. Some were Jews, some were Pagan, some had worshipped fertility goddesses, some were believers in the Greek panoply of gods, and some had been atheists. There was variety in Corinth.

Now Paul taught this diverse group the basics about faith and practice, but once he left them, things began to fall

apart. There was little consensus about what church should do and be. It was not long before the new church was in danger of imploding because the main agenda was not resurrection, but whose ideas are the right ideas. Church became a battle ground.

Paul wrote to his church start-up and tried to remind them of what should be their priority, their faith in Jesus' message that love is stronger than death. He reminded them that each had been gifted by the spirit and that each was called to use those gifts for the common good. Their common life was the priority because together, they could do what individuals could not do. They could reach out; they could live gospel; they could share peace.

We hear the Paul's call to unity in our own chaotic time and as Parkminster moves from now to the future. Will we hear the good news that spirit brings us gifts to be used for the common good? Will we release our individual anxiety and see the big picture that we are one people, with one hope and one love?

Reflection: "Spirit, Unity, and the Work of Love"

★ Hymn: "Many Are the Lightbeams" 🎵 VU #588

SHARING SPIRIT

Offertory: "Interlude" *arr. Brad Nix*

Dedication: "Christ Has No Body Now But Yours" 🎵 MV #171, v.4

Offering Prayer, said by **all**:

Pentecost is hope and possibility. It is new energy and new possibility. It is the great affirmation that love is stronger than death. Our calling is to share spirit-energy and to create opportunity for abundant life for others. We offer our gifts for the sake of renewal and the promise of new life for all. Amen

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

★ Hymn: "All Who Hunger" 🎵 VU #460

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup



The communion table is open for all who desire
to share the feast.

The welcome is wide.

All the bread is gluten free.

To receive communion, come to the front if you are able.

Take bread from the plate and eat.

Take a cup from the tray and drink.

Put your used cup in the basket as you return to your seat.

May this feast be blessing for you.

Prayer after Communion

Farewell to Judy Paul

by Nancy Dykstra and Adrienne Barrett Hofman

★ Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" 🎵 MV #145

★ Sung Alleluia 🎵 MV #52

Postlude "Gavotte" *by Jean-Phillippe Rameau*

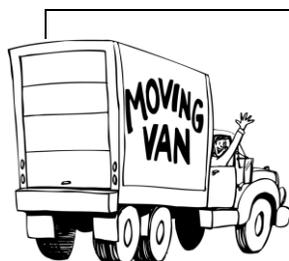
Thank you to everyone who has offered their gift of time to volunteer in various ways this Sunday:

Ushers: Virginia McQuay; Abbie & Gabriel Hicknell;
 and Sarah Jewett
Greeters:..... Barb Pryor; Shirley Elliott
Lay Readers: Ruth Russell
Candle Lighter: Poppy Hicknell
Musicians: Lani Kerbl, soloist
Chancel Arrangements: Ruth Farley
Children's Story:..... Tracie Klaehn & Pecky
Juice Hour Hosts:..... Virginia McQuay & Bob Hudgins
Juice Hour Dessert:..... Sarah Jewett

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please refer to the weekly "What's Up" email for a complete listing)



Farewell...

Judy Paul is leaving us for a new home in Haliburton. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following church for a meet and greet to say goodbye.

Summer Worship Needs Your Help



Because of vacation schedules, House Groups are not operating during the summer. Volunteers are needed during July and August for greeting, ushering, as lay readers and to provide juice/lemonade. **Sign-up sheets are in the upper hall.** Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Students!

We welcome **Laura From** and **Ceiline Zhang** to the summer staff at Parkminster. The congregation is welcome to come and meet them both at the Wednesday night Food Truck event.

Neil Murray Night – Tickets Now on Sale!

Don't miss out! Be sure to pick up/reserve your tickets after church today! **Saturday, September 30, 7:30pm at the Navy Club in Waterloo.** It's a great evening of fun! **Cost: \$20 per person; \$10 students/teens.** Cash/cheque/pay at the door. You may also buy/reserve tickets from the church office (519-885-0935) or call Bruce Mutton (519-894-1687). Your support is greatly appreciated. Please join us for this fun event, the proceeds from which are used for our many works.

Pastoral Care – Rev. Fred Monteith

If you or 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 Fred at church, **519-885-0935, ext. 22** or by email at fwmonteith@gmail.com

Extreme Hunger Appeal

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples. Our vital, innovative, and healing ministries are supported by generous Mission & Service donations. The Canadian Government has announced that it will be matching donations to help African Extreme Hunger. For details: <http://www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal> . Your gift will make a big difference!

Facebook Update:

Laura Mutton is now managing the Parkminster Facebook page. If you have any events to advertise, photos from events you'd like to share, or any questions about Parkminster's social media, please email her at mutton.laura@gmail.com

