

# **PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

**LOVE  
IS ALL  
YOU NEED?**

Reflection by Kelly Moores



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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: "Bagatelle" by L. van Beethoven

★ Introit: "Let Us Build a House" 🎵 MV #1

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: "Follow the Way of Love" by Kathy Spurr

Love is patient, Love is kind,  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
It is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking.  
It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects,  
Always trusts,  
Always hopes,  
Always perseveres.

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### ***Repeat song***

Love is patient, Love is kind,  
 Follow the way of love, follow the way of love

### 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 cared for and parents can worship. Parents are free to come and go from that space, according to the needs of their children.*

### Opening Our Hearts

This morning we open our hearts with musical refrain, we will sing through once, hum through the 2<sup>nd</sup> time while hearing a prayer, and then sing through together the 3<sup>rd</sup> time

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

MV# 18

God prepare me, to be a sanctuary  
 Pure and holy, tried and true  
 With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living  
 Sanctuary, for you

### **Law and Gospel**

Ministry of Music: “Send Out Thy Light” *by M.A. Balakireff*

Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-48 (NT, pg.5)

## About Scripture

Still this week, we are looking at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is truly amazing how many important things were discussed in this address that it takes us weeks of sermons to get through it all.

In this section Jesus addresses the unfair treatment experienced resulting from the power imbalance in the state. Officers of Caesar's empire had the authority to inflict corporal punishment, or require citizens to their carry heavy loads. These tactics were often used as a way to embarrass or shame people for their beliefs. Jesus encouraged his followers to turn the other cheek and to go the extra mile, not because he believed that they deserved this abuse, or that we should not stand up to injustice. Quite the opposite, Jesus's suggestion was radical. Rather than fight, and allow Roman officers pleasure from their power, don't let it shame you, offer them more. If you don't let them upset or shame you, their power over you is greatly diminished.

Jesus then takes radical to the next level in suggesting we move beyond eye for an eye retribution. In those days, even tit for tat retribution was a new concept. For time immemorial people had believed they were entitled to unlimited retribution if they were wronged, as we see in the Old Testament with seven-fold vengeance for the death of Cain. But Jesus says, eye for an eye isn't good enough. We need to move beyond retribution and love our enemies. This isn't just a one off thing Jesus says that maybe we can sweep under the rug. It is an over-arching theme of Jesus's ministry. Not that it is an easy task! 2000 years later and knowing how to love our enemies remains one of the biggest challenges of being a follower of Jesus.

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★ Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" 🎵 VU #684

## Gospel Living

Offertory: "Jesus Loves Me" *arr. by Joel Raney*

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: "Your Love Is Amazing" 🎵 MV #26

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia 🎵 MV # 52

Postlude: "Allegro Appassionato" *by Norman Landis*

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

**Ushers:** ..... Bill & Heather Spall; Bert & Gale Blackburn

**Greeters:** ..... Ariam & Ariarani Ariaratnam

**Lay Reader:** ..... Lee McWebb

**Music Director:** ..... Neil Murray

**Chancel Arrangements:** ..... Trudie Robbins

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** ..... Nancy Dykstra; Bill & Heather Spall

**Coffee Hour Dessert:** ..... Andrée Gerard

**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

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**2016 TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2016 donations are ready for pick up in the Upper Hall. Those remaining will be mailed on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Reynolds, [jackr2002@aol.com](mailto:jackr2002@aol.com)

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**OBSERVER SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Did you remember to pay your subscription yet for the United Church Observer? The cost for a year's subscription is \$25. The Outreach committee would appreciate it if everyone paid for their subscription. In 2016, the Outreach budget subsidised the Observer subscriptions for a total of \$1,550. That meant that we had \$1,550 less to distribute at the end of the year to the M&S fund and to the local charities that we support. ~ Outreach Committee

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**FROM INCLUSIVE MINISTRIES:** New source for the “welcome” signs



Thank you to all of you who have purchased multilingual lawn signs in the past two weeks. You may have heard that they are spreading in the region and beyond. Thank you for keeping the conversation going! If you have not yet picked up the one you ordered, look for Nancy Dykstra in the upper hall after church. She has it for you. If you wish to buy one, they are now available in Kitchener through MCEC (Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada) at 50 Kent St. in Kitchener. Call 226-476-2500 X700 and ask for Joan Schooley, or email her at [jschooley@MCEC.ca](mailto:jschooley@MCEC.ca). Nancy will also happily pick one up there for you if you let her know you want one.

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