

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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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!

GATHERING

Prelude:

“Sonatina”

*by Muzio Clementi
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)*

Welcome

Statement of Welcome

One: 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, the 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

Call into Community

Something deep within calls us to this place.

to worship as a community of faith.

We come with our differences, but with Christ as our common ground.

We gather to be reminded of our connection to the Divine and to each other.

God rejoices that we are here,

God celebrates that we have come home,

Let us lift our hearts and voices in awe, in wonder, in reverence.

★ Introit: "We Are One"

♪ VU #402
(vs. 1,2, & 4)

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Jesus is more than a greeting,
it is more than the wish for a life free of conflict.

It is the peace that Jesus came to proclaim—
the harmony of a life of inclusion, justice and acceptance.

To pass the peace of Jesus is to wish upon your neighbour a life of right relationship with God, with others and with all of creation.

In this exchange we invite one another into the community of God proclaimed by Jesus,
and to which the Spirit calls and points.

In that Spirit I invite you to share the peace of Jesus with your neighbour...May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

And also with you.

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.

★ Children's Song: "I Am the Dream"

♪ MV #106

EXPLORING

Opening Our Hearts

Holy One, may we approach the stories of our faith and the stirrings of our souls open to being surprised. Lead us into love in ways we can't yet imagine. Amen.

Ministry of Music: “Give Us Glad and Generous Hearts”
by Larry Shackley and Herb Frombach

Reflection

★ Hymn: “Come, My Way, My Truth”  VU #628

RESPONDING

Minute for Outreach

Offering – invitation

Offertory: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *arr. by Joel Raney*

★ Dedication: “What Can I Do?”  MV #191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. (I'll sing with joy.) I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

★ Offering Prayer

★ Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(from our faith tradition)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

RETURNING

★ Hymn: "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" 🎵 VU #578

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Blessing: "Peace Be with You" 🎵 MV #215

**Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.**

Postlude: "Humoresque" *by Antonin Dvorak*
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Earl Kemp, beloved father of Parkminster member, Wendy Ridgway and father-in-law to Terry Ridgway. We extend our love and most heartfelt sympathies to Wendy & Terry, Jocelyn, Cameron and Trevor & Susie, as they mourn their loss. The service was held Oct 25th in Mitchell.



The flowers at the front of the sanctuary today have been placed for the congregation by the Ridgway family, in loving memory of Wendy's father.

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

Ushers:.....Greg Cartmell; Gary McLellan

Greeter:Brian Harper

Lay Reader:.....Rebecca Blackburn

Candle Lighter:.....Kieran Alexander

Flutist:Tracie Klaehn

Chancel Arrangements:.....Pat Harris

Counters:Steve & Sarah Quanz

Coffee Hour Hosts:Chris & Joscelyn Alexander

Coffee Hour Dessert:Thea Kiefer-Kennedy

The Ministry of Parkminster:..... All of us

Ministers:..... Rev. Heather Power (x 22) and

..... Rev. Joe Gaspar (x 23)

Music Director:.....Neil Murray (x 25)

Office Administrator:.....Melanie Chisholm (x 21)

Custodian:.....Allen Switzer (x 26)

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.*

Meeting of House Group Leaders TODAY: House Group Leaders please meet in the Family Room after the service. We'll schedule the 2018 house group calendar and review any changes in procedures. As well, it's a chance to gather your feedback and ideas. We'll have coffee and dessert there. Very special thanks to our Leaders for an outstanding job done over the past year!

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.

Ministers' Day Off: Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather would like to let you know that Friday is their day off during the week. However, they are always available should and urgent matter arise that cannot wait until their Sunday to Thursday work schedule. Certain congregational leaders as well as Melanie have been given their cell phone numbers.

Integration Team: With Rev. Heather and Rev. Joe beginning their ministry with us, an Integration Team has been established to help them start their ministry well. The Integration Team's mandate is to help Joe and Heather start well by suggesting ways for them to integrate into the life of the community, be a sounding board for them as they encounter unfamiliar situations and as questions arise and to listen to the congregation in regards to how well integration is happening. The plan for now is to meet monthly for about a year or so.

The members of the Integration Team are Amanda Kalbfleish, Jamie Hofman, Jim Bowman, Mary Reynolds, Heather Watts and Sheila Rule. If you have suggestions or comments that would help Joe and Heather integrate into Parkminster's life please speak to these people.

"A Safer Place" Event: In light of recent events here at Parkminster there is an event coming up that's good to be aware of. The Rainbow Community Coalition is hosting a conversation about "A Safer Place for the LGBTQ2+ Community in Waterloo" at the Kitchener Public Library on November 22, from 6:30pm - 8:45pm. Full details in the weekly "What's UP" email.

Expressions of Support for Parkminster: The outpouring of support from community churches/organizations/groups and neighbours (and folks even as far as Mississauga) has been incredible! We've displayed notes on our bulletin boards recently received from Hamilton Conference, Waterloo Presbytery & Harcourt United. Please take a minute to read them. Parkminster is definitely in the hearts of many!

Post-Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thank you for the generous donations received over the last few weeks! **The boxes will be removed from the Upper Hall today.**

Save the Date! Young Family Advent/Christmas Party: Join us on Saturday, December 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm to celebrate this special time of year together! We'll enjoy a meal together, as well as fun activities to get everyone in the spirit! All are welcome - please invite other families who might like to join us that evening. Pssst...Christmas is approximately 56 days away!

This week let us pray for:

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle
Canada and The United States of America

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle United Churches
St. John's United Church, Chesley
Dobbinton United Church