



**PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**  
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**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

**Reflection: “Noticing and Being Noticed”**

**Rev. Fred Monteith**

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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: “Panis Angelicus” (1872) César Franck

★ Introit: “Called by Earth and Sky” 🎵 MV #135

Welcome

One: Today as we leave behind the spaciousness of summer schedules and contemplate the beginning of another season of learning, labour, we are called to notice the in-breaking of the sacred in the midst of the ordinary and the busyness.

Today, we remember our relationships 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 Easter gift of transformation. Love is stronger than death.**

Joys and Concerns and Greeting One Another with Peace

★ Children's Song: "The Church Is Wherever God's People"

♪ VU #579

## 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.

Opening Our Hearts – “Mindful”, Mary Oliver

Prayer

Song

**I am becoming peace.  
I am becoming peace,  
a well of patience, well of grace,  
make my soul a holy place.  
I am becoming peace.**

## NOTICING

Ministry of Music: “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”  
(Soloist: Lani Kerbl)

 Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-15 (OT, pg. 50)

Reflection: “Noticing and Being Noticed”

★ Hymn: “I Have Called You by Your Name” 🎵 MV #161

## BEING NOTICED

Offertory: “Summertime” (1934) George Gershwin

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

Offering Prayer, said by **all**:

**In Your Creation, O God, we stand on holy ground. May these gifts be a blessing to all that you have made. May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as your hands. May needs be seen and met and may the giving fit the need. Through Christ we pray. Amen**

Prayers of the People

★ Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"      🎵 VU #509

★ Alleluia

★ Commissioning and Blessing

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

Postlude: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"  
*arr. Phillip Keveren*

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

**Ushers:** ..... Ginny McQuay, Andrée Gerard

**Greeters:**..... Mary & Ken Willsie

**Lay Reader:** ..... Isobel Field

**Candle Lighter:** ..... Kieran Alexander

**Music Supply:** ..... Bob Hudgins for Neil Murray

**Soloist:** ..... Lani Kerbl

**Chancel Committee:**..... Cindy Demsey

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**..... Pat & Ted Harris

**Coffee Hour Snacks/Dessert:**.. Joscelyn Alexander

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

**Ministry of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care (Interim):**

.....Rev. Meg Grieve (ext. 23)

**Music Director:** .....Neil Murray (ext. 25)

**Office Administrator:**.....Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)

**Custodian:**.....Allen Switzer (ext. 26)

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## 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.*

**Pastoral Care – Rev. Meg Grieve:** 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 Meg at church, **519-885-0935, ext. 23** or by email at **rev.meg.parkminster@gmail.com**

**September/October Services:** A message from Nancy Dykstra, Chair of **Worship/Music** - September is always a time of transition but this year it is a BIG one! There is the usual shift back to school and restarting September routines. Added to that, our time with Meg is ending, and our new ministerial team is arriving. Some among us may be wondering what September will look like. Below is a general outline for worship for 4 weeks as the summer ends. **Please take note of these worship dates:**

**Sept 10 - Rally Sunday:** time to reconnect with each other and consider how you might participate in the life of Parkminster this fall/year.

**Sept 17 - Farewell Service for Rev. Meg:** a final Communion, a time to bring our covenanted relationship to a close.

**Sept 24 - Blues Sunday:** Meg's last Sunday with us - a musical celebration of our time together (Meg loves the blues!) and an ice cream sundae party in the gym afterwards.

**Oct 1 - Welcome Rev. Joe Gaspar & Rev. Heather Power:** our new ministerial team. Their first service with us.

**Food Truck-Bouncy Castle Help:** We need a few volunteers to supervise the bouncy castle on **Wednesday, September 6 from 4:00pm until 7:30pm**. We need 2 volunteers per 1 hour shift so 6 volunteers. For more information, please call Bruce Mutton at 519-894-1687. **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> is the last date for the Food Trucks.** C'mon out and be a part of the fun! Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Welcome Back/Rally Day Sunday - BBQ & Corn Roast!:** Following worship **September 10**, everyone is invited to enjoy hot dogs and corn on the cob in the gym. Young families and kids can also have a great time outside--pony rides and more! Join your friends for this great 'welcome back' tradition at Parkminster.

**House Group #8 Meeting:** House Group #8 will be meeting in the gym after the church service on **September 10**. That will enable members of the group to enjoy hot dogs and corn while sorting out duties for the month of October.

## **Special Gatherings Hosted by Meg – Save the Date!**

**Wednesday, September 13:** Meg invites you to enjoy a peaceful afternoon **Labyrinth walk with her, followed by a Tea Social.** The Labyrinth walk will begin at 1:00pm, with tea and desserts following from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. **RSVP not necessary.**

**Wednesday, September 20:** Join Meg to experience a serene evening of **Music & Meditation** with guest musician, Lucas Tensen. Meditation will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, followed by desserts and fellowship until 9:00pm. **RSVP to Melanie in the church office by Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Small Group Ministry:** Please note the following change to the following – **“Wellsprings for the Soul” & “Befriending the Earth”:**

### **Wellsprings for the Soul:**

**Begins MONDAY, September 11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

A 4-week home group for those who wish to meet new friends and refresh their spirits. For religious, non-religious, spiritual or non-spiritual people. Based on Anthony de Mello's book, *“Wellsprings”*.

**Purpose:** *Connection, Reflection, Action*

**Venue:** Colin and Iso McGregors' home, #610, 55 Willow St. E., Waterloo

**Contact:** Iso McGregor, 519-954-4822, [isobelmccgregor@yahoo.com](mailto:isobelmccgregor@yahoo.com)

**Befriending the Earth** (ongoing monthly group):

**Begins THURSDAY, September 28, 1:15pm - 3:00pm** and continues 4th Thursday of the month.

**Group purpose:** to educate and encourage each other to act, personally and collectively to make our world a healthier, more just place for all.

**Study book:** *“NO Is Not Enough”*, Naomi Klein's latest book about winning the fair and caring world we want and need to survive.

**Cost:** \$20 for the book or you can borrow one.

**Please read:** the Introduction, Chapter 1 and the Postscript before the first meeting.

**Venue:** Iso McGregors' home, #610, 55 Willow St. E., Waterloo

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## **This Week Let Us Pray For:**

**World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:** Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

**Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:** Rock Chapel United Church