

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Reflection: “Easter Changes Everything”
Rev. Meg Grieve

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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: “Spring Song” *by Felix Mendelssohn*
 (Tracie Klaehn, flute)

★ Introit: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” 🎵 VU #374

Welcome

One: In this Easter season, we explore the gift and dilemma of resurrection. Today, we walk the Emmaus Road with the disciples who do not realize that Jesus is with them. They listen to him teach, but do not recognize him as their teacher and friend. They expect the familiar. But, as the day passes,

they find that the old way of experiencing the world has gone and new life has replaced the ordinary. Can we see with Easter eyes?

Today, we remember our relationship with First People. 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 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 face the great Easter unknown, and with the arrival of spring, we share the confidence that love is stronger than winter-death.

Joys, Concerns, and Greeting One Another

Today we will pass peace to one another. Please remain seated. Those sitting on the aisle will receive the blessing of peace by holding their hands as if in prayer. The one passing the peace will place his/her hands around the “prayer” hands and say, “Easter peace be with you.” The person who has received the blessing will turn to the person sitting next in the pew, hold his/her hands and offer the same words of blessing. In this way, the peace will travel down each row and touch each of our spirits.

★ Children’s Song: “Dance with the Spirit” 🎵 MV #156

Story Time

Following the story time, the 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 and parents can worship. Parents are free to come and go from that space, according to the needs of their children.

Opening Our Hearts

Rev. Fred

The Threshold Breath – A Poem by Valerie Oden

- ❖ *Where in your life or work is the old no longer and is the new not yet?*
- ❖ *Where do you sense the sacred possibility in your life?*
- ❖ *What is your next first step?*

Prayer

★ Hymn: “Take, O Take Me as I Am” 🎵 MV #85

Emmaus Chaos

Ministry of Music “Nobody Shoutin’ Like Me!”

by John Parker and Heather Sorenson

 Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35 (NT, pg. 90)

About Scripture

Today, we read the familiar story of the disciples who are walking the road to Emmaus after Easter. They are full of resurrection confusion and are perplexed by what happened to Jesus.

A stranger steps along with them and they quiz him about what he knows about the great Easter mystery. As the disciples fill in the story of the last three days, it is clear that they are wrapped in confusion. They know the details but are unclear about what the empty tomb means.

The unknown companion tells another story, the scripture story of hope and wholeness, beginning with Moses and the exodus from Egypt. That is a long story! Even with Jesus’ teaching, the disciples did not see who he is.

When that day’s journey was over, the disciples stopped at an inn and invited the stranger to stay with them. They had dinner together, and at the end of the meal, the stranger took bread, blessed it, and broke it open. It was then, with the breaking of the bread that they recognized Jesus.

Easter changes everything that the disciples and we know. Death used to be the end. Now it is a beginning. Death used to have power over life. Now love has that power. We humans used to feel stuck in life’s circumstances. Now we can be transformed. The paradigm shifts from despair to promise, from power over to power with, from brokenness that does us in to brokenness that makes us whole. Easter is about opening our eyes and seeing life. It happens right where we are and it does change everything. Ready?

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★ Hymn: “Stay with Us through the Night” 🎵 VU #182

Living the Possibilities

Offertory: “Air Gracile” *by Anton Dvorak*
(Tracie Klaehn, piccolo)

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

Offering Prayer, said by ***all:***

Easter is hope and possibility. It is new life and new beginnings. It is the great affirmation that love is stronger than death.

As Easter people, we commit our time, talent, and our resources to making Easter live for others. We offer our gifts for the sake of resurrection and the promise of new life for all. Amen.

Prayers of the People

★ Hymn: “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” 🎵 MV #115

★ Commissioning and Blessing

🎵 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” 🎵 VU #958

Postlude “Gavotte in B ♭ Major”
by Arcangelo Corelli



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Dorothy Duxbury in loving memory of her husband, Alan.

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

Ushers: Matt & Sarah Bruce; Pat & Ted Harris
 Greeters:..... Mark & Ann Dunbar
 Lay Reader: Ruth Farley
 Musician: Tracie Klaehn
 Chancel Arrangements: Virginia McQuay
 Counters:..... Steve & Sarah Quanz
**** Solidarity Soup Lunch following Worship ****

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)
 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

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

Annual Solidarity Soup Lunch Today: Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for our favourite annual meal. Our free will offerings will raise funds to support our partner the Plett Meal Centre in South Africa. After 20+ years of partnership our contributions continue to mean so much for the Plett Meal Centre. In solidarity we also serve soup for this meal. ***Older children (age 7+) will help with the food preparation during the service. Children 6 and under will have a downstairs program as usual.***

Plett Meal Centre Donations: If you would like to make an additional donation, just clearly mark "Plett Meal Centre" with your donation on the offering plate. We are hoping to send our next transfer in early June so it would be appreciated if all donations could be made by the end of May. Thank you - Jim Bowman, Treasurer for Outreach

Parkminster Volunteers – We Salute You! This week was National Volunteer Week. In 2017, volunteering comes in many forms and is as diverse as Canada itself. Sometimes we miss recognizing people as volunteers. Here at Parkminster everyone is a volunteer giving time and generosity of spirit to ensure that we fulfill our mission to each other and the community. Thank you! Maedith Radlien, Chair of Council

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**

Congregational Meeting in May: There will be a Congregational Meeting after church on **Sunday, May 7**, to learn about and discuss the United Church's proposed Remits (changes to the constitution) as well as revisions to our governance structure.

The Remits aim to improve how the church operates. Council must vote on (1) The Three Council Model (2) Elimination of Transfer & Settlement, (3) Office of Vocation and (4) Funding a New Model by June 30th. Remit 6, One Order of Ministry, must be voted on by February 2018. Check them out at **GC42.ca/Remits**.

Council votes on remits but we need input from the congregation. As you will recall, we voted in the spring of 2016 to make changes to our governance structure. The trial period has gone well with some tweaking over the past few months. We are ready to bring those changes back to the congregation for a vote to make these trial changes more permanent.

We will need quorum at the congregational meeting to make these changes possible. Maedith Radlein, Chair of Council

Get Ready for the Erb StrEAT Food Trucks!: Parkminster welcomes back the **Food Trucks for the 2nd year, arriving Wednesday, May 3rd**. The trucks will be here every Wednesday (May 3 to Sept 6) from 4:30pm – 8:00pm. A Bouncy Castle will be part of the fun the first Wednesday every month! Bring your family & friends and support Parkminster!