

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

*Qu'importe votre lieu
d'origine, vous êtes nos
chers voisins.*

No matter where you are
from, we're glad you're
our neighbour.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

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Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
Sunday, February 5, 2017



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Reflection: “Peters of the Word-Rise Up!”
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!

Seeking Peace

Prelude: “Bagatelle” by Ludwig Van Beethoven

★ Introit: “Like a Healing Stream” 🎵 MV #144

Welcome

One: The death of six Muslim men at prayer in their sanctuary casts a deep shadow in this Epiphany season of light. We come to worship mourning the loss of life to violence, the loss of peace to intolerance, the loss of safety to brokenness. We think of the victims. We think of their families and community. We think of the killer and his family. Today, we seek healing and a way forward in 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: "Dance with the Spirit" 🎵 MV #156

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.

Peace and Justice

Ministry of Music: “This Little Light of Mine” *arr. Moses Hagan*
(soloists: Midori Marsh and River Guard)

Scripture: Matthew 14: 22-23 (NT, pg.16)

About Scripture

Today we read the story of Jesus’ walking on water and Peter’s trying to do the same.

The story begins with the disciples out on the Sea of Galilee making a crossing to the other side. They have just been with Jesus as he fed the 5000. Now, Jesus has gone off by himself to pray and renew his spirit. The disciples set off alone for their next encounter with the crowds.

We know that a storm comes up and the disciples are afraid. In their terror, they see Jesus walking towards them. He stills the storm and challenges them about their fear and lack of trust.

Peter is moved by the appearance of Jesus and asks to be out on the sea with him. In the asking, Peter’s faith is steady and he trusts that Jesus’ power to love is enough to keep him from drowning in fear. However, once out in danger, Peter begins to be terribly afraid. Once he fears more than he trusts, he loses his power to survive and sinks into the deep. Jesus needs to rescue him from his terror.

We are all like Peter in the face of the storms of life. We all succumb to our smallness and powerlessness when facing the powers that be. We often feel like we are sinking and in danger of losing ourselves.

Courage does come by trusting in the capacity of love to heal and save. And courage comes when we choose to act together rather than acting alone. Faith is buoyant. Faith lifts us up. Faith is our courage and the source of peace that abides in any storm.

So owning our “Peter” selves and acknowledging that the storms of injustice are raging, we hold onto our faith and to one another as we dare to make peace.

Reflection: “Peters of the World-Rise Up!” Rev. Meg

★ Hymn: “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” 🎵 MV #138

Sharing Blessing

Offertory: “Nearer, My God, To Thee” *arr. Joel Raney*

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

Offering Prayer, said by **All:**

We know that storms of cruelty and injustice swirl around us. We know that our gifts can ease the storm and help bring peace. So we give as we are able. We give our offering. We give our hope. We give our commitment to rise up and name injustice. We give our love to create acceptance and peace. Amen.

Peace Prayers

★ Hymn: “When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides” 🎵 MV #169

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia 🎵 MV # 52

Postlude: “Sinfonia” *by G.F. Handel*

**Parkminster United Church • Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2017**

AGENDA

1. Mission and Vision Statements
2. Chair's Remarks
3. Motion to approve Barb Leask Wynne as chairperson of the Annual Meeting
4. Motion to approve Sheril Stinson as secretary of the Annual Meeting
5. Motion to allow adherents to participate and vote
6. Motion to approve the agenda
7. Motion to approve the minutes of
 - a. Annual Congregational Meeting February 7, 2016 (pg 33-36)
 - b. Congregational Meeting May 15, 2016 (pg 37-40)
 - c. Congregational Meeting October 29, 2016 (pg 41)
 - d. Congregational meeting November 27, 2016 (pg 42-45)
8. Motion to accept the 2016 Committee reports as recorded in the Annual Report of 2016
9. Motion to postpone the final decision on the governance changes until May 2017
10. Finance Report (pg 27-30): Jack Reynolds, treasurer
11. Motion to approve the annual budget for 2017
12. Motion to approve the payment and continuance of Faith Bonds
13. Outreach report (pg 31-32): Jim Bowman
14. Motion to approve the Outreach budget for 2017
15. Transition Team report: Annette Dekker
16. Refugee Resettlement Committee report: Rob MacQueen
17. Honouring the retiring committee chairs and members
18. Nominating Committee report: Jeanne Foster

19. Motion to approve report of the Nominating Committee
20. New Business
21. Motion to adjourn

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

Ushers: Gregg & Lynda King; Lee McWebb and
..... Dave Rankin

Greeters:..... Andree Gerard and Jennifer Allan

Lay Reader: Maedith Radlein

Counters:..... John and Susan Bain

Soloists: Midori Marsh and River Guard

Music Director: Neil Murray

Coffee Hour Hosts:..... Jane Ruttle and Nancy Dykstra

Coffee Hour Dessert:..... Deb Miethig

Chancel Arrangements: Trudie Robbins

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

PARKMINSTER JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE –

The committee has begun to meet and we are pleased to inform you that the ad for two Full-Time Equivalent Ministerial positions at Parkminster has been posted on the relevant websites (UCC, UC Observer, Parkminster), and the print ad will be in the March issue of the Observer.

The Parkminster Joint Search Committee will continue its confidential work in this process of selecting new ministerial personnel until positions are filled. We will report back to the congregation as appropriate. The committee thanks you for your continued support.

D. Osborne, D. Russell, co-chairs

MULTILINGUAL LAWN SIGNS - welcoming neighbours in French/English/Arabic are available for \$10. If you'd like to order one, please see Nancy Dykstra in the Upper Hall after the AGM, or email her at nancydykstra@gmail.com. The text reads: "**No matter, where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbour.**"

Thank you. Nancy Dykstra, chair of Outreach



HOUSE GROUP #7 MEETING - will meet after worship on Sunday, **February 12**, to plan a schedule for our duties for March. Lucky for us, TCOW is providing lunch and an area where we may meet, dine together and plan! Please attend if possible.

PASTORAL CARE: REV. MEG - Meg is currently covering for Elaine Beattie (interim pastoral care minister). You may contact Meg by leaving her a confidential voicemail at the church 519-885-0935 ext. 23 or at rev.meg.parkminster@gmail.com

This week let us pray for:

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:

Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:

McIntosh United Church and St. Paul's United Church (Mildmay)
(part of the Bruce United Church Co-operative)

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