

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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*When You Go Home
Tell Them of Us and Say
For Your Tomorrow
We Gave Our Today*





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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: "Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One)" by Jacob Narverud
(Matthew Watson, djembe)

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

There was a dream,

**Lions and lambs together,
Nations at peace,
Weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.**

This dream takes on flesh,

**In you and me,
Guided by the Spirit,
Living the love of Jesus.**

The dream has an enemy in fear,

**So we gather,
In community,
To remember the victims of fear,
To remember the dream,
To find company with the Dreamer.**

May it be so, let us worship together,
the people of the dream.

★ Introit:

“Blest Are They”

♪ VU #896

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.

★ **Prayer of Confession:** “Take, O Take Me As I Am”

♪ MV #85 (sung 2x)

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Remembering



Solo: “(Still Waiting at) The Wall” by Vietnam vet, Tim Murphy
(Lani Kerbl, soloist)

(Offered in memory of Lani’s father, who died in the Vietnam War)

Prayer

God of peace and justice, you have gathered your people together this day in remembrance, we give you thanks for those who gave their all for our sake and whose lives were taken much too soon. We give thanks that they have been gathered from the storm of war and into the peace of your presence. We, pray that their memories will lead us to build a world of peace, beginning with ourselves.

In Flander’s Fields – *read by Owen Rudolph*

Ministry of Music: “They Shall Grow Not Old” by *Albert Greer*

Naming Those We Remember

Words of Remembrance *Laurence Binyon from “For the Fallen”, 1914*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

Last Post

A Time of Silence *(to remember, to mourn, to pay respect, to meditate)*

Reveille

Words of Assurance

★Hymn: “Peace for the Children” 🎵 MV #149 (vss.1-5)

During the singing of the third verse 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.

Exploring

Opening Our Hearts

**Holy One,
May we surrender our stories into Your story,
that we may know the peace of abiding in your Love
Amen.**

 **Scripture** Philippians 1: 3 – 9 (NT, pg. 196)

Ministry of Music: “O God Beyond All Praising” *by Lloyd Larson*
(Cast in Bronze handbell choir)

Reflection

★Hymn: “Come Touch Our Hearts” 🎵 MV #12 (vss. 1 – 4)

Responding

Offering – invitation

Offertory: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
by Matthew Compton
(Cast in Bronze handbell choir)

**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 - *Paraphrase*⁺

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,
May the Mystery always be named and
known among all peoples and in all times.
May creation give way
to the rule of love and the power of life.
Satisfy our hunger, and grant us a
hunger to see the whole world fed.
Restore us to right relationship with You,
with creation, with others, with ourselves.
Strengthen us to reject all
that would lead us away from You,
Come to us when we choose death over life.
Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For in your love we find the only power,
the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

⁺Adapted from paraphrases found in the *New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)* and one by Sarah-Dylan Breuer found at http://www.theworshipwell.org/pdf/Lords_Prayer_Paraphrase.pdf

Returning

★ Hymn: "Though Ancient Walls" 🎵 VU #691

★ 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: "Abide With Me" *Martin LaCoste, Trumpet*

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

Ushers: Bill & Laura Muirhead; John & Wendy Watson

Greeters: Erin & Stephanie Cronin

Lay Reader: Barb Monteith

Poem Read by: Owen Rudolph

Soloist: Lani Kerbl

Trumpeter: Martin LaCoste

Choirs: Voices United; Cast in Bronze Handbell Choir

Chancel Arrangements: Mary Flewelling-Pinchen

Counters: Steve & Sarah Quanz

Coffee Hour: Lani Kerbl & Pam Grey

Coffee Hour Desserts: Lani Kerbl & Pam Grey

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)

Birth Announcement: Two roses have been placed on the communion table to celebrate the arrival of twin girls, Ayla and Bria Blom, born on September 18, 2017 to Heidi and Tony Blom. Siblings of Talia, Naia and Ruben. Best Wishes from your Parkminster family!



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. 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.

Update on Entrance Mural: Dear Friends, we just wanted to update you on the state of the mural at the church entrance. With the wet weather we have been having the paint has not properly dried. As a result the work was beginning to smudge and paint was adhering to shoes and being tracked into people's cars and the church. We discussed with Kandace Boos, the artist, ways in which the work could be preserved. Unfortunately, none of the solutions were practical given the nature of the weather in November and given the need to keep the front entrance accessible and safe. The decision was therefore made, with much regret, to remove the work. We want to thank Kandace and all who participated in turning an act of ignorance and hate into a work of beauty that spoke to the gospel values of love and inclusion.

Parkminster Author of Children's Books: Numerous people are asking to purchase more of Tracie Klaehn's children's books. She now has five published, and will bring them in to the church on November 19th for those who are interested. You may see Tracie after church or call 519-579-3944.

Remembrance Day Concert – Laurie Hones: **On Saturday, November 11** enjoy a Remembrance Day Tribute with an Evening of Inspirational Music with Laurie Kagetsu-Hones, Katie Sinden & Friends. Concert will be at **Parkminster from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**. Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted. Proceeds to be shared between Parkminster and Hope Spring Cancer Support Centre. Contact Bruce at 519-894-1687 or mutton@bell.net



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Let Us Not Forget

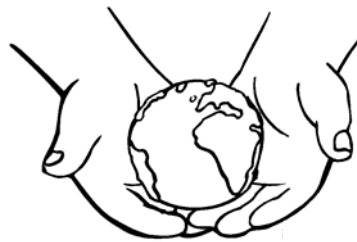
AED Training: The course has been set up for **Saturday Nov 25th** at the church from **9:00am-1:00pm**. Cost **\$60** per person no tax. The course includes written and practical training in CPR including AED training. We need at least 10 participants to have the course at Parkminster. Please email or call Bert Blackburn if interested. bertblackburn@gmail.com or 519.886.8232

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.

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 Kalbfleisch, Jamie Hofman, Jim Bowman, Mary Reynolds, Heather Watts, Sheila Rule and Cedric Charette. If you have suggestions or comments that would help Joe and Heather integrate into Parkminster's life please speak to these people.

This week let us pray for:



World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle United Churches

Cooksville United Church