Sunday, June 21, 2015
National Aboriginal Day

Reflection:
“Bridge Over Troubled Water”
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!

Seeking Healing

Prelude: “In the Garden”  
arr. by Joel Raney

★ Introit: “Though Ancient Walls” ♫ VU #691

Welcome

One: Spirit draws us together on this first summer Sunday, and among us, we see variety and diversity. In spite of our differences, we are one in spirit, and we are welcome just as we are.

We cannot be healthy community unless we affirm that each person matters, has value, and deserves to be welcomed with dignity and respect. We offer that welcome to one another.

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.

Joys, Concerns, and Greeting One Another

Moment for Mission

Dorothy Duxbury

★ Children’s Song: “Hey Ney Yana” 🎶 MV #217

Story Time

Following the story time, the children and youth will leave for their own learning programme. Happy learning!

★ Song: “Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works” 🎶 VU #308

Spirit Work “Prayer to the Four Directions”

Written by Chief Seattle

Great Spirit of Light, come to us out of the East (red) with the power of the rising sun. Let there be light in our words, let there be light on our path that we walk. Let us remember always that you give the gift of a new day. And never let us be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.
Great Spirit of Love, come to us with the power of the North (white). Make us courageous when the cold wind falls upon us. Give us strength and endurance for everything that is harsh, everything that hurts, everything that makes us tremble. Let us move through life ready to take what comes from the north.

Great Life-Giving Spirit, we face the West (black), the direction of sundown. Let us remember everyday that the moment will come when our sun will go down. Never let us forget that we must fade into you. Give us a beautiful colour, give us a great sky for setting, so that when it is time to meet you, we can come with glory.

Great Spirit of Creation, send us the warm and soothing winds from the South (yellow). Comfort us and caress us when we are tired and cold. Unfold us like the gentle breezes that unfold the leaves on the trees. As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind, give to us, so that we may grow close to you in warmth.

Truth and Reconciliation?

Scripture Reading: “The Valley of Dry Bones” Ezekiel 37: 1-10 (OT, pg.806)

About Scripture

Today’s scripture comes from the prophet Ezekiel, who was a prophet to the Israelites who were in exile in Babylon (593-563 BCE.) As the Israelites sorrowed over their captivity and the loss of ‘home,’ Ezekiel urged them to remain faithful and hopeful.

For those in Babylon, life seemed like a valley of dry bones, a kind of living death. The prophet urged them not to despair by picturing for them the dry bones of powerlessness and loss linking together and coming to life. According to Ezekiel, because Yahweh cared for the exiles, there could be hope, new energy, healing, and restored vigour. Ezekiel urged the Israelites to keep their faith in Yahweh who would not fail them.

The valley of dry bones describes the lifeless brokenness that characterizes the relationship between
Canada’s First Nations and those who settled in First Nations territory. Over time, that relationship has suffered from unfulfilled treaties, racism, residential school crisis, and anger and betrayal on both sides. We need life and health restored to our relationships with Aboriginal people. We need to see partnership and integrity between us, and the recent report of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee encourages that the dry bones of broken relationship to come to new life in a beautiful way. The moment is now. The challenge is on. Ready?

Reflection: “Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Ministry of Music: “Bridge Over Troubled Water”

by Simon & Garfunkel
(soloist, Lani Kerbl)

A New Day

Offertory: “Abba”

by Martha Lesinski
(soloist, Lani Kerbl)

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

Offering Prayer

We offer our gifts today, trusting in the promises of healing and reconciliation, dignity and wholeness, partnership and respect. May our generosity change the world towards justice and peace. Amen.

Prayers for Reconciliation

★Song: “Draw the Circle Wide” ♫ MV #145

Commissioning and Blessing

★Sung Alleluia ♫ MV #52
Postlude
“Rigaudon” by Andre Camra

Greeters: Iso & Colin McGregor
Ushers: Glen Machan, Barb Pryor, Bud Adams & Marilyn Hill
Lay Reader: Sarah Jewett
Candle Lighter: Sarah Jewett
Chancel Arrangements: Ruth Farley
Music: Lani Kerbl, soloist; Neil Murray
Juice Hour Hosts: Bud Adams & Marilyn Hill
Juice Hour Dessert: Bud Adams, Millie Gardner

The Ministry of Parkminster: All of us
Ministry of Word & Sacrament (Interim) ~ Rev. Meg Grieve (ext. 23)
Ministry of Pastoral Care ~ Rev. Mary Jo Patterson (ext. 22)
Ministry of Christian Education ~ Kelly Moores (ext. 24)
Music Director: Neil Murray (ext. 25)
Office Administrator: Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)
Caretaker: Allen Switzer (ext. 26)

FROM PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE:
• If you become aware of someone who might be ill, in hospital or in need of some support, please leave a message for Rev. Mary Jo Patterson on her confidential phone # at 519-885-0935 ext. 22 or send her an email at pcministerparkminster@gmail.com.

• If you are interested in our Prayer Shawl ministry, please contact Virginia McQuay. Prayer shawl knitting instructions and yarn are available in the upper hall. Thank you to all our faithful knitters!

• Pastoral Care Emergencies: In the event of a pastoral care crisis, please contact the minister(s) directly.

IN PRAYERFUL SUPPORT
Kathryn Lamb (Trinity Village)          Elinore Ray (Sunnyside)
Marian Atkinson (Parkwood Menno.)        Audrey Hannigian
Catherine Klea                            Walter Runge (Stirling Heights)
Olive Cooper (LeisureWorld)
Ecumenical Prayer Chain: This week let us pray for St. John’s-on-the-Hill United, Cambridge (Waterloo Presbytery).

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PARKMINSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

During June, July & August, Parkminster announcements will be listed in the bulletin. Big screen announcements will not be shown over the summer months. Events happening in our greater community will continue to be listed in our weekly “What’s Up” email. Please also remember to check the big bulletin board outside of the family room for current happenings!

Celebration of Life for Gwen Black
The Pastoral Care Committee would like to invite you to come and celebrate the life of Gwen Black at an informal gathering. This celebration will take place Monday, June 29 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The evening will include, singing, sharing of stories and refreshments.

United Sisters – Grand National Quilt Show Exhibit
US (United Sisters) will meet on June 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the Joseph Schneider Haus for the "Grand National Quilt Show Exhibit". A collection of quilts crafted by 62 Canadian artists. Admission: $5.00 per person. Free parking in the Museum parking lot across the street. Dessert and coffee at Nougat Bakery. For more information contact Mary Willsie at (519) 746-3011.

“Hello, May I Help You?”
Parkminster is looking for volunteers to answer the phone for a few days this summer (mostly Mondays and Tuesdays). Please contact Barb Monteith (bdmonteith@rogers.com) if you are interested in helping out during summer vacation.
WANTED: Table-top Water Fountain – Rev. Meg would like to borrow one for July services. Please contact her if you can help.

NEXT WEEK AT PARKMINSTER

Sunday, June 21 – Happy Father’s Day!  
10:00am Worship

Tuesday, June 23  
9:00am-7:00pm The Sustainable Market – rental: gym  
6:00pm Karate classes – rental: double classroom  
7:30pm Property Committee – family room

Wednesday, June 24  
1:30pm United Sisters @ Joseph Schneider Haus  
6:45pm Scouts (last) - gym

Thursday, June 25  
9:30am-5:30pm The Squeezy Lemon – rental: kitchen  
6:00pm Karate classes – rental: gym

Friday, June 26  
9:00am-7:00pm The Sustainable Market – rental: gym

Sunday, June 28  
10:00am Worship

Monday, June 29  
7:00pm Celebration of Life for Gwen Black – sanctuary  
Refreshments to follow – gym