

# **PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

Third Sunday after Epiphany



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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

“Allegro”

*by Antonio Vivaldi*  
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

**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 (A-nish-NA-bay) the Haudenosaunee (Ho-di-no-SHOW-nay), 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**

One: It's good that we're here,  
We are needed, all of us;

**All: our gifts, our weaknesses,  
our courage, our cowardice,  
our faith and our fear.**

One: We are indispensable parts of the body.  
Together we are the body of Christ;

**All: God in the flesh, in this time, in this place.**

One: Here we gather to worship,  
not a hero, not a teaching, not a doctrine,  
but the Spirit;

**All: the living God, made real by our gathering.**

One: This is the time, this is the place,

**All: To stop, to listen, to simply be in the Holy presence,**

One: To hear our names being called;

**All: Come follow me, I will lead you home.**

One: Let us worship the God who knows us by name.

★ Introit: “Come Touch Our Hearts”      🎵 MV #12

## Passing of the Peace



One: God is the source of peace within us.

**All: In humility and surrender let us claim it.**

One: Jesus is the way of peace among us.

**All: With courage and faith let us live it.**

One: The Holy Spirit is the unity of peace between us.

**All: With generosity and joy let us share it.**

One: May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

**All: And also with you.**

Adapted from Rex A. Hunt

[http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.html](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.html)

## EXPLORING

### Prayer of Preparation

**Holy One, send us your Spirit,  
that through the reading of your Word,  
through our listening and speaking,  
our wondering and discerning,  
we might hear you speak a new word  
to us—your people in this place.  
Amen.**

★ Children's Song: "Wherever You May Go" 🎵 MV #216

## 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.

## Scripture –

### ***Selected verses from the book of Jonah (The Message-The Bible in Contemporary English)***

**Jonah**— Written after the Jewish people returned from their exile in Babylon, probably in the fifth century B.C., this book is a teaching story with an important message about our understanding of God. It concerns a disobedient prophet who attempted to run away from his divine commission, was cast overboard and swallowed by a great fish, rescued in a marvelous manner, and sent on his way to Nineveh, the traditional enemy of Israel. To the surprise of Jonah, the wicked city listened to his message of doom and repented immediately. All, from king to lowliest subject, humbled themselves in sackcloth and ashes. Seeing their repentance, God did not carry out the punishment he had planned for them. Whereupon Jonah complained to God about the unexpected success of his mission; he was bitter because Yahweh, instead of destroying, had led the people to repentance and then spared them.

Jonah encompasses a number of theological emphases. God is in control of creation and uses that power to both teach and rescue Jonah. When a prophetic call comes to a person (Jon1:1) it involves a commission which cannot be avoided. Moses and Jeremiah tried to escape the responsibility, but failed. God hears the pleas of Jonah even when he has been disobedient and rescues him. Foreigners can cry to God as did the sailors, and a foreign nation such as Ninevah can repent and avoid punishment. This is one of the rare stories that talks about an Israelite actually prophesying in a foreign country rather than from within Israel/Judah (Amos. Isaiah. Jeremiah). The universality of God is present in this book. God can choose to change an action which

has already been decreed as in Amos 7, but here it is in relation to a foreign nation. Overall it is diminishing to try and set one purpose only for this book because it contains a number of theological issues and lends itself to many interpretations. This story has inspired many artists to depict it. Marc Chagall has done six sketches and numerous stained glass windows appear in large cathedrals across Europe, for example, Cologne Cathedral in Germany and in Gouda in the Netherlands (Limburg: 74).

Adapted from <http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/bible/jonah/intro.htm> and Anna Grant-Henderson <http://otl.unitingchurch.org.au/index.php?page=jonah>

## Questions for Reflection

- What is your experience of “running away from God”?
- Which individuals or groups of people would make you feel scandalized at the thought that God loves them?
- Who might feel scandalized at the thought that Gods love you or your group?

Ministry of Music

“Gather Us In”

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

## Reflection

★ Hymn:

“When I Needed a Neighbour”

♪ VU #600

## RESPONDING

Minute for Outreach

## Offering – invitation

Offertory

“Largo”

by Antonio Vivaldi  
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

★ Dedication:

“What Can I Do?”

♪ MV #191

**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](http://www.theworshipwell.org/pdf/Lords_Prayer_Paraphrase.pdf)

## RETURNING

★ Hymn: “Draw the Circle Wide” 🎵 MV #145

### ★ 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: “Sonatina” by Friedrich Kuhlau  
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Herman Martin, beloved brother of Parkminster member, Enoch Martin. Herman passed away on January 9, 2018 at the age of 92. May our prayers support Enoch, his family and friends, as they mourn their loss.

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

**Ushers:**..... John and Marilyn Dippell; Jack and Mary Reynolds  
**Greeters:** ..... Les & Elna Robertson  
**Lay Reader:** ..... Kevin Smith  
**Flutist:** ..... Tracie Klaehn  
**Audio/Visual Coordinator:** ..... Sandy Quehl  
**A/V Operators:**..... Heather Watts & Sandy Quehl  
**Chancel Arrangements:** ..... Chancel Committee  
**Coffee Hour & Dessert:** ..... Ron & Sue Usaty

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**Ministry of Parkminster:**..... All of us  
**Ministers:**..... Rev. Heather Power (x 22) & Rev. Joe Gaspar (x 23)  
**Music Director:**..... Neil Murray (x 25)  
**Office Administrator:**..... Melanie Chisholm (x 21)  
**Custodian:**..... Allen Switzer (x 26)

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are lovingly placed by John Heinbuch, in memory of his beloved wife Marjorie.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***For full details please refer to the weekly “What’s UP” email.***

(If you would like to receive “What’s UP”, please contact the church office.)

## MINISTERS’ MESSAGES



**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 take Friday as their day off during the week. For urgent matters that cannot wait until their Sunday to Thursday work schedule, please contact the church office and they will be contacted for you.



## THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

**World Council of Churches Focus –** Cyprus, Greece and Turkey; **Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle –** Harmony United Church, Brantford



## KIDS PARTY! (Parent's Night Out!)



**Save the date: Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm:**

Children are invited to join us for a supervised time of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner will be provided along with activities here at the church while parents have the opportunity to enjoy their own time out! RSVP with Rev. Heather:

**[revheather.parkminster@gmail.com](mailto:revheather.parkminster@gmail.com)**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH AT PUC



It's a New Year and we're off to a great start with our Sunday activities each week! We're really excited about our **\*new\* curriculum: "Deep Blue Kids"** which has already been receiving positive feedback from children and families. Here's

what's coming up in the weeks ahead:

**Sunday, January 21** - Rev. Heather with the classes

**Sunday, February 4** - hear more about new curriculum during Story Time!

## BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION



The congregational budget information session will be held after the service on **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Find out about the budget and have your questions answered ahead of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

## ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE



The **Annual Report** and **Annual Congregational Meeting**

(ACM) are coming soon! Please mark your calendars for

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**. The ACM will immediately

follow the morning worship service in the sanctuary. It is

important for as many people as possible to attend as we will need to have quorum for important votes. We will need to approve the 2018 budget, approve a new slate of volunteers for chairs, council executive and committees, governance, etc. There will be coffee and light snack available. We expect that the Annual Report will be available to the congregation a few days ahead of the meeting.

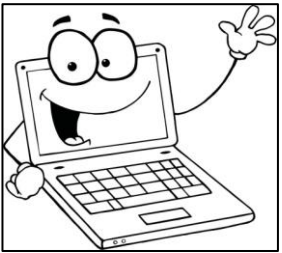


## NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY THIS SPRING

There'll be a new Parkminster photo directory this spring. The photographer will be here March 20-24 and April 4-7. Many volunteers are needed. **We are especially keen to get a**

**volunteer to obtain advertisements for the directory.** If you have a few hours to spare volunteering to drive people to appointments, host the tables etc., please contact Maedith ([maedith.radlein@gmail.com](mailto:maedith.radlein@gmail.com)) or any member of the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee now. Appointments can soon be made online or by signing up on the sheets that will be provided shortly.

## AUDIO/VISUAL ASSISTANCE



**AUDIO / VISUAL Help is Available!** Please contact our A/V coordinator Sandy Quehl, should you require help with the “big screen”/projector for your group’s next event/meeting. [quewat1@outlook.com](mailto:quewat1@outlook.com) . Operators are standing by!