

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**“What is this?
*A new teaching –
with authority!*”**

Mark 1: 27

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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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. by Joel Raney

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: We are the people of God, the source of love.

**All: Created in the Love's image,
made to care for creation**

One: We are the people of God, love made flesh.

**All: Called by Jesus to new life,
light of the world and salt of the earth.**

One: We are the people of God, love's power.

**All: Open to the inspiration of the Spirit,
ready to surrender to grace.**

One: Let us join in worship of the One
who creates, calls and empowers us.

★ Introit: "Come Let Us Sing"

♪ VU #222

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

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation

**God whose Spirit enlivens us,
Help us to hear the living Word in the words.
Free us from prisons of fear and security.
Open us to lives of discipleship. Amen.**

★ Children's Song: "Like a Rock"

♪ MV #92

Following the hymn, 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 – Mark 1: 21-28

Mark— Three gospels[†] (the good news) in the New Testament portion of the bible offer similar portraits of the life of Jesus and are known as the synoptic gospels. As witnesses to the events of Jesus life and death became old and died, the need arose for a written synopsis. Mark was likely the first gospel to be written. When other synoptic gospels were written, i.e. Matthew and Luke, they used the Gospel according to Mark as a source. This book stresses the crucifixion and resurrection as keys to understanding Jesus.

[†] The stories of Jesus—Matthew and Luke being the others.
Chris Haslam- www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/badv1m.shtml

Mark 1: 21-28 Our passage tells us of the recognition of Jesus' authority, both in word and deed. He and his disciples go to Capernaum, a prosperous town on the Sea of Galilee. A synagogue was where Jews met to gain a fuller understanding of their tradition through study and worship. Anyone with sufficient knowledge could teach. The “scribes” were specialists in the interpretation and application of Mosaic law to daily life. They frequently quoted scripture and tradition, but Jesus (on this occasion) does not: he speaks directly, confident of his “authority”, of his very essence. The “man with an unclean spirit” was, in our terms, *possessed*: he was under the influence of evil forces. In Jewish terms, he was under Satan's direction, separated from God.

Chris Haslam- <http://www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/bpr04m.shtml>

Questions for Reflection

- Who or what has authority in your life?
- What have been some of the joys and challenges of giving God authority over your life?

Ministry of Music

“Solstice Song”

arr. by Larry Nickel

Reflection

★ Hymn:

“Will Your Anchor Hold”

♪ VU #675
(vss. 1, 2 & 4)

RESPONDING

Offering – invitation

Offertory “Shall We Gather at the River” arr. by Joel Raney

★ 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+

Jim Cotter © 1988 VU #916

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created things!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

RETURNING

★ Hymn: “Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song” 🎵 VU #641
(vss. 1, 2 & 4)

★ 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: “Loure” by J.S. Bach



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Donald Spencer, beloved brother of Parkminster member, Dorothy Duxbury. Donald passed away on January 15, 2018 at the age of 97. May our prayers support Dorothy, her family and friends, as they mourn their loss.

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

Ushers: Don Linkletter, Lloyd Hart, Ron Usaty
Greeters: Bertrand family: Sylvia, Vivian, Russell, Carol & David
Lay Reader:..... Elna Robertson
Audio/Visual Coordinator:..... Sandy Quehl
A/V Operators:..... Colleen & Dana Usaty
Counters: John & Susan Bain
Chancel Arrangements:..... Chancel Committee
Coffee Hour: Jack & Mary Reynolds
Coffee Hour Dessert: Janet Scheuring

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)

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.)

TODAY! BUDGET INFORMATION SESSION



The congregational budget information session will be held today after the service. Find out about the budget and have your questions answered ahead of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

FRAGRANCE AT CHURCH

At Parkminster we pride ourselves on being an inclusive church as we strive to bring down the barriers to full participation in the life of our church community. Some of us have allergies or sensitivities to fragrances such as perfume, cologne, fabric softener, scented shampoos and lotions. This makes participation in worship and other events difficult if not impossible for some of us. Please be mindful of this so that we can live more fully into our mission of being an inclusive church.

MINISTERS’ MESSAGES

Study Leave – Rev. Gaspar will be away on study leave from February 5-11. Please contact Rev. Power during this time with any enquiries or requests for pastoral care.



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 – Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia; **Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle** – Hillcrest United Church, Georgetown

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 28 - Rev. Heather with the classes

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



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.

BOOK STUDY

Working towards right relationship with Indigenous Peoples

As a denomination and as a congregation we are trying to move towards reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours. Every Sunday morning we state that “we commit to just relationship in the present”. Have you wondered what that could mean? One opportunity to learn what it could mean is to join a book study aimed at developing understanding about Indigenous spirituality. It will be 4-5 sessions long, **starting Sunday, Feb. 4, 7-9pm**. The book is called “Quest for Respect”. You can browse the book and learn more in the gym today after the service and if you're interested in joining, you can sign up then or email Adrienne Barrett-Hoffman or Nancy Dykstra. (abarretthofman@gmail.com or nancydykstra@gmail.com)
First meeting: Jeanne Foster's home, 93 Maplewood Place on Sunday February 4th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm



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 any member of the Membership & Pastoral Care Committee. Appointments can be booked online as of Sunday, February 11th. Computers will be available after church for those who would like help with booking.*

Instructions for online booking will be shared through email during the week of February 4th. Each family/person photographed will receive a free colour directory & 8 x 10 portrait. Orders can be made for further portraits/family pictures but there is no obligation to purchase more.

WATERLOO PRESBYTERIAL UCW

On Monday, February 5th at 9:30am, Forest Hill United, hear guest speaker Rev. Paul Miller present: "Challenging Changes: Where do we go from here?". Coffee & muffins served at 9:00am.

KIDS PARTY! (Parent's Night Out!)

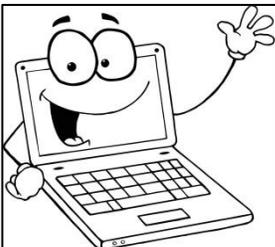


Save the date: Saturday, March 3rd from 5:00pm-7:00pm:

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

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** . Operators are standing by!