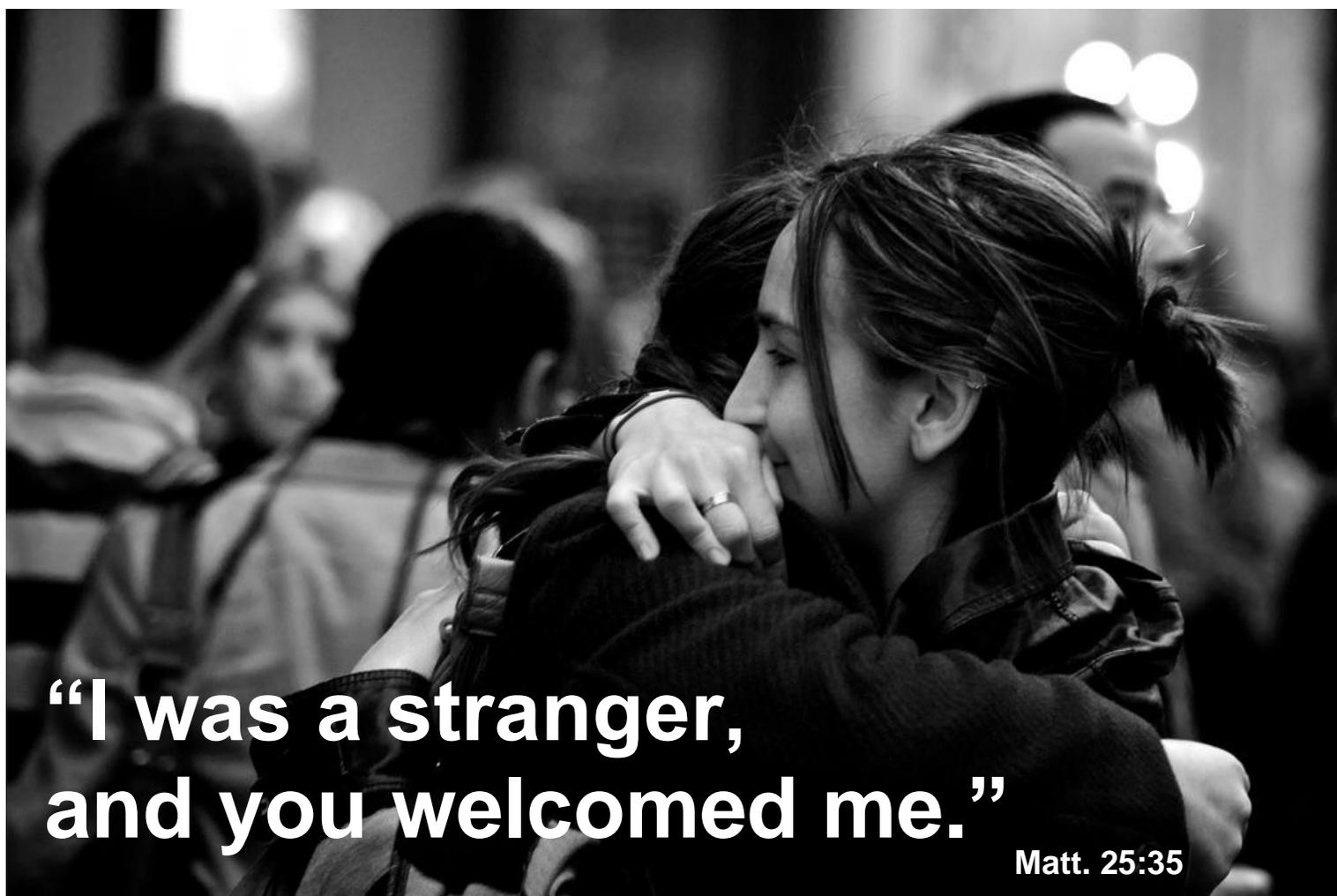


PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**OUTREACH SUNDAY
Lent 2**



**“I was a stranger,
and you welcomed me.”**

Matt. 25:35

**Guest Speakers
Kathie Must and Marika Galadza
from Reception House**

Rev. Joe Gaspar & Rev. Heather Power



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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

“Serenity”

by Louis Moyse
(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: The early church gathered to worship, pray and learn together. They opened their homes, shared their food, and sold their possessions to provide for each other.

All: Let us learn from them, this radical hospitality, and be the people of hope that we are called to be. Come let us worship!

★ Introit: "Let Us Build a House"

♪ MV #1
(vss. 1, 4 & 5)

Passing of the Peace



One: The peace of Jesus is more than a greeting,

All: it is more than the wish for a life free of conflict.

One: It is the peace that Jesus came to proclaim -

All: the harmony of a life of inclusion, justice and acceptance.

One: To pass the peace of Jesus is to wish upon your neighbour a life of a right relationship with God, with others and with all creation.

All: In this exchange we invite one another into the community of God proclaimed by Jesus,

One: 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...

All: And also with you.

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation

One: God of welcome,
God of the stranger.
We come as strangers.
We come as those who you welcome.
We come as those called to welcome.

**All: As we hear and reflect on these words this morning,
Challenge us with your radical example of love.
Stretch us to engage the way you engage.
Humble us to receive and be.**

One: Spirit who challenges,
Spirit who connects,
Urge us to compassion,
Break down our resistance,
Strengthen our resolve,

**All: Tear open our hearts,
Mobilize our minds,
Flow through our bodies,
As your vessels who will be conduits of
welcome, compassion, justice and love.
Amen.**

★ Children's Song: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

♪ VU#575

Story Time with Kathie and Marika from Reception House

Following 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 – Matthew 25: 35 - 40

Ministry of Music "My Soul is a River" *by Ben Allaway*

**Reflection Kathie Must and Marika Galadza
from Reception House**

★ Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" ♪ MV #145

RESPONDING

Minute for Outreach Dorothy Duxbury

Offering – invitation

Offertory "Take My Hand Precious Lord" by Thomas Dorsey
(Lani Kerbl, soloist)

★ Dedication: “Creator God You Give Us Life” 🎵 MV #27 (vs. 3)

All: When with our hearts, our hands, our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar
beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.

All: Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices
chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the
page, we comprehend your mystery.

★ 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: “Though Ancient Walls” ♪ VU#691
(vss. 1 - 3 & 5)

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Blessing “Peace of the Earth”
(traditional Guatemalan, arr. John Bell)

**The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God’s peace growing in you.**

Postlude: “Sonatina in G” by Ludwig van Beethoven
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

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

Ushers:..... Jane Ruttle & Dave Rankin; Lynda & Gregg King
Greeters:..... Phil, Sophie & Rachel Demsey
Lay Reader:..... Doris Heselwood
Candle Lighter:..... Sophie Demsey
Sunday Activity Helpers/Leaders: Laura Hamilton, Mary Reynolds, Franceen Wagner,
..... Rob Vanderlinden and Rev. Heather Power
Soloist:..... Lani Kerbl
Flutist:..... Tracie Klaehn
A/V Coordinator:..... Sandy Quehl
A/V Operator:..... Scott Waywell
Chancel Arrangements:..... Chancel Committee

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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)



Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Soup Lunch to support the Plett Meal Centre in South Africa!