



## PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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### Sunday, March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *arr. by Brad Nix*

### 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 come to prepare for the holiest of weeks, waving palm branches in anticipation.

**All: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes; modelling humility and obedience for all of us.**

One: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

**All: we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week; he is the life for which we long.

**All: He gathers us in, calling us to new freedom**

One: Free to love, free to serve, we are the body of Christ.

## SERVICE OF THE PALMS

- ★ Introit and Palm Procession:  
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” 🎵 VU #123

*Children are invited to process directly to the front of the sanctuary and stay for “Story Time”.*

### Prayer for Illumination

**All: Holy One, speak to us again.  
As we hear the stories of our faith,  
may we hear the Word of Love  
above the shouts of all that distracts us,  
and hearing, may we follow faithfully  
and joyfully, even to the cross.  
Amen.**

**Scripture—Jesus Enters Jerusalem** (*The Family Story Bible*)

### Acclamation

**One:** This is the good news of Jesus.

**All:** **Thanks be for this grace.**

- ★ Children’s Song: “He Came Riding on a Donkey” 🎵 VU#124

### 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.*

Ministry of Music

“Sanctus”

*by Joseph Haydn*

### Reflection

### Offering – invitation

Offertory “Hymn of Promise” *arr. by Linker and McFadden*  
(Cast in Bronze Handbell Choir)

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

★ **Offering Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **SERVICE OF THE PASSION**

★ Hymn: “Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold” 🎵 VU #134

**Prayers of Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer Paraphrase**

**All: 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.**

Ministry of Music “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”


*arr. by Lloyd Larson*  
(Cast in Bronze Handbell Choir)

## A Prayer of Preparation

**All:** God of the weary and the broken,  
we cringe as we anticipate what awaits us  
at the end of the Lenten road,  
and yet Love calls us forward and  
urges us to trek farther in faith.  
Travel with us as we go into some dark places.  
Be with us as we see ourselves in this story  
as those who betray, deny, judge and convict.  
Stengthen us for this week to come,  
that we may also echo the words of Jesus,  
“not my will, but thine be done”.

## TENEBRAE - SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS

*(A candle is extinguished after each reading symbolizing the encroachment of darkness and the diminishing of the light that God in Jesus brought into the world.)*

 *The Feast—Luke 22: 7-23*

**All:** We enter more fully into the darkness to  
discover new life.



Extinguishing of the Light/Verse:

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” VU 121-Vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

 *The Prayer—Luke 22:39-42, 45-46*

**All:** We enter more fully into the darkness to  
discover new life.





Extinguishing of the Light/Verse:

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” VU 121-Vs. 5


 *The Betrayal—Luke 22:47-53*

**All:** We enter more fully into the darkness to  
discover new life.

 Extinguishing of the Light/Verse:  
“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” VU 121-Vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday


 *The Denial—Luke 22: 54-63*


**All: We enter more fully into the darkness to discover new life.**

 Extinguishing of the Light/Verse:  
“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” VU 121-Vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

 *The Trial—Luke 22: 66-23: 25*

**All: We enter more fully into the darkness to discover new life.**

 Extinguishing of the Light/Verse:  
“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” VU 121-Vs. 3

 *The Crucifixion—Luke 23: 26-46*  
Extinguishing of the Light

Ministry of Music “A Single Tear” soloist, Darlene Basse

## RETURNING

### ★ Commissioning and Blessing

One: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet,  
**All: walk with us on the road.**

One: May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,  
**All: stretch out our hands to serve.**

One: May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,  
**All: open our hearts to love.**

One: May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
**All: and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us.**

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

**All: 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

“Rondeau”

*by Henry Purcell*

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

**Ushers:** .....Wendy, Jocelyn & Trevor Ridgway  
**Greeters:** .....Kathleen & Rob Vanderlinden  
**Lay Reader:**.....Lorna Hundt  
**Guest Musicians:** .....Darlene Basse; Cast in Bronze Handbell Choir  
**Sunday Morning Activities:**.....Skye Power; Rev. Heather Power  
**A/V Coordinator:** .....Sandy Quehl  
**A/V Operator:**.....Terry Ridgway; Owen Rudolph  
**Counters:** .....Jim Bowman; Bill Spall  
**Chancel Arrangements:**.....Trudie Robbins  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** .....Allen Switzer; Thelma Hamilton  
**Coffee Hour Dessert:** .....Thelma Hamilton

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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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**“WHAT’S UP at Parkminster!”  
Sunday, March 25, 2018**



**These are only a few of the things happening at Parkminster. For a complete update please refer to the “What’s UP” email sent out every Friday. If you would like to receive “What’s UP”, or place an announcement, please contact the church office at [parkuc@golden.net](mailto:parkuc@golden.net) . Deadline for submission – 10am Thursdays.**

## THANK YOU FROM ARIARATNAM FAMILY

The Ariaratnam family would like to extend a warm thank you for the love and support they received from their Parkminster friends during the loss of Ariam's brother and sister-in-law. The many cards and phone calls received from friends provided Ariam and Ariarani great comfort in their time of sorrow.

## REFUGEE FUND: We're Very Close!

Thanks to the continuing generosity of many, **we are now within \$1,300 of making our fundraising goal** of \$30,000 - as of March 18<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$28,735. A few more donations will put us over the top! Keep an eye on the announcements in the next couple of weeks to see if we make it!

## MINISTERS' MESSAGES

**Holy Week Services:** We are in the most important part of the Christian year as we embrace Easter. You are invited to come and experience the fullness of this season through a variety of worship experiences as we live into the story of Jesus' final days and resurrection. A pamphlet describing each service is in the Upper Hall.

**Pastoral Care:** If you or anyone in the congregation requires pastoral care support, please contact either Rev. Joe or Rev. Heather by calling the church; voice-mail messages will be checked regularly. You may also send a confidential email message either to Rev. Joe or Rev. Heather.

**New Members at Parkminster:** We will be celebrating "New Member Sunday" on May 13<sup>th</sup> as part of our worship service. If you would be interested in becoming a member at that time, please speak with Rev. Joe.

## THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

**World Council of Churches:** Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

**Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:** Munns United Church, Oakville

## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

If you would like to advertise your services in the photo directory now being produced, please contact Bud Adams at 519-746-6282 or [budandmarilyn@hotmail.com](mailto:budandmarilyn@hotmail.com)



## WELCOME BANNER

Parkminster is getting a Welcome Banner and we'd love to have design suggestions from the congregation. If you have a design/photo that you'd like to submit for consideration please send a .jpg to Maedith by email: [maedith.radlein@gmail.com](mailto:maedith.radlein@gmail.com) . Deadline submission is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LOST & FOUND

**Spring Cleaning - Lost & Found:** A table has been set up in the Upper Hall with miscellaneous items that have been left behind. Please be sure to have a look. You just might find what you've been looking for! Any unclaimed items will be donated on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## FRAGRANCE AT CHURCH

Please be mindful of other people's allergies or sensitivities to fragrance so we may live more fully into our mission of being an inclusive church. Thank you.

# HOLY WEEK

