

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Lent 3

Rev. Joe Gaspar & Rev. Heather Power

SCOUTING SUNDAY



**“On my honour,
I promise I will do my best...”**

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: From joy and laughter,

All: we come.

One: From grief and pain,

All: we come.

One: From busyness and stress,

All: we come.

One: From idleness and boredom,

All: we come,

One: to join together,
All: to be reminded,
One: we are not alone,
All: we live in God's world.
One: In gratitude we gather,
All: in joy we worship.

★ Introit: "This Is God's Wondrous World" 🎵 VU #296

*During the Introit, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers
will process with their flags.*



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

**All: Loving God,
As we hear the stories of our faith,
Open our minds,
Open our hearts,
To your surprising ways.
Amen.**

★ Children's Song: "It Only Takes a Spark" 🎵 VU#289

Story Time

This morning's service is an all-ages, intergenerational service. Children and youth will remain upstairs this morning. Sunday activities will resume next week.

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 – Luke 10: 25 - 37

Ministry of Music “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”
arr. by Tammy Waldrop
(Cast in Bronze handbell choir)

Reflection

★ Hymn: “Who Is My Mother”  MV #178

RESPONDING

Offering – invitation

Offertory “On Eagle's Wings” *arr. by Michael Helman*
(Cast in Bronze handbell choir; Tracie Klaehn, flute)

★ 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

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

RETURNING

★ Hymn: “Travel On, Travel On” ♪ VU#647

★ 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: “Never Gonna Let You Down” *by Cobie Callait*
(The Band)



*A very special thank you to all of the children, youth and Leaders
from the 9th Waterloo Scouts who participated today's service!*

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

Ushers:..... Wendy & Terry Ridgway; 9th Waterloo Scouts
Greeters: 9th Waterloo Scouts
Lay Reader(s):..... 9th Waterloo Scouts
Candle Lighter(s): 9th Waterloo Scouts
Guest musicians: Tracie Klaehn, Cast in Bronze handbell choir;
..... The Band (Colleen Usaty, Catriona Teves, Jeff Stacey,
..... Lee McWebb, Jamie Hofman, Angie & Neil Murray)
A/V Coordinator: Sandy Quehl
A/V Operator:..... Owen Rudolph; Terry Ridgway
Counters: John & Susan Bain
Chancel Arrangements: Trudie Robbins
Coffee Hour Hosts: Mary Flewelling-Pinchen; Roberta Hickey
Coffee Hour Dessert:..... Mary Flewelling-Pinchen; Wendy Ridgway

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)



The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed by Barb Pryor in loving memory of her father, Frederick Pryor.



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Mary Laursen (February 22), beloved sister to Marilyn Hill (Bud Adams), and the passing of Miriam Parvathy Selvaratnam (February 23), beloved sister-in-law to Ariam Ariaratnam (Ariarani). As a caring congregation we hold our Parkminster families in the light, supporting them with our prayers to offer comfort during their time of sorrow.

“WHAT’S UP at Parkminster!”



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 . Deadline for submission – 10am Thursdays.

ATTENTION HOUSE GROUP #4

House Group #4 will meet TODAY in the Family Room to plan a schedule for April duties.

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. Heather (ext.22) or Joe (ext.23). Voicemail messages will be checked regularly. You may also send a confidential email message either to revjoegaspar.parkminster@gmail.com OR revheather.parkminster@gmail.com. *Ask the ministers about Therapy Dog visits!*

NEW MEMBERS AT PARKMINSTER

Are you interested in becoming a member of Parkminster either by transfer of membership or reaffirmation of faith? We will be celebrating a New Members Sunday on May 13th as part of our worship service. If you would be interested in becoming a member at that time, please speak with Rev. Joe.

MINISTER'S DAY OFF

Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather take Friday as their day off. However, they are always available should an urgent matter arise that cannot wait until their Sunday to Thursday work schedule. Certain congregational leaders as well as Melanie have been given their cell numbers and can be contacted on your behalf.

WELCOME BANNER

Parkminster is getting a Welcome Banner and we'd love to have design suggestions from the congregation. It will be a standing banner to be used in the lower hall on Sundays, at pot-lucks in the gym and any other events at which we welcome people into our community of faith. If you have a design/photo that you'd like to submit for consideration please send a .jpg to Maedith at maedith.radlein@gmail.com by March 25th. Emails only please. Thanks!

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Registration for the photo directory continues. Every family, couple, or individual photographed will receive a directory and a free 8x10 portrait. To get the time slot that you want, stop after the service and we'll book the appointment for you, or go online today when you get home at www.ipcphoto.ca. To date, we have booked 95 appointments! There are 5:30 to 8:30 times still available on Wed. March 21, Thur. March 22, Fri. March 23 and Wed. April 4. There are more times available on Thurs. April 5, Fri. April 6 and Sat. April 7.

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.