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Mother's Day ~ New Members ~ Baptisms May 13, 2018

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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

“Melody in F”

*by Anton Rubenstein
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)*

Welcome/Joys and Concerns

Call into Community/Statement of Welcome

One: Today we celebrate with joy a new chapter in the life of this community—the welcoming of new members and the baptism of children.

All: We join with each other united by a God who reaches out to all creation, drawing us together in relationships of love, justice and compassion.

One: For this reason we begin worship today by remembering that our relationship with the First Peoples has seldom been healing and empowering. In working to heal that relationship, we recognize with gratitude and respect the traditional land of the people upon which we make our spiritual home, the Anishnawbe (Anish-NA-bay) the Haudenosaunee (Ho-di-no-SHOW-nay), and the Neutral. We acknowledge, with regret, that this history has rarely 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.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, together we are called to worship.

★ Introit: “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”

♪ VU #556
(vss. 1, 3, & 4)

CELEBRATING

Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of New Members

Statement of Purpose

One: Paul wrote, "When anyone is in Christ, that person is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. "My brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace that is given to us through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. In the act of Baptism we celebrate these children of God. We celebrate that their parents wish to raise them in a community of faith guided by the ways of Jesus and the power of the Spirit. We affirm our care and support for the children and their families.

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God's presence, to discern God's truth, and to follow the way of Jesus. By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership in the denomination to which we belong, which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith. We are now to welcome into this congregation those who are already member of the church of Jesus Christ and who wish to join this church community on our journey of faith.

Presentation of Candidates-

Maedith Radlein (Chair of Council)

One: On behalf of Parkminster United Church I present the following candidates for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism:

- Kayleb Ramsey Barber, child of Kirsten Fugard and Paul Barber
- Amelia Helene Charette, child of Cedric Charette and Amanda Kalbfleisch
- Nolan Roy Oswald Malseed, Audrey Eryn Charlotte Malseed and Bennett Todd Malseed, children of Eryn and Todd Malseed

One: As well on behalf of Parkminster United Church I present the following people whom we welcome into the membership of Parkminster United Church and some into membership in the United Church of Canada.

- Barbara Allan, John and Wilma Bakelaar, Darlene Basse, Jermaine Browne and Sheila Hooisma, Betty Crawford, Roberta Hickey, Sarah Jewett, Eryn Malseed, Bethany and Sandi McMullen, Katie Lefler.

Profession of Faith and Promises

One: Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus the Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?
I do, by the grace of God.

Trusting in God alone and the path walked by
Jesus,
will you turn from the forces of evil, and renounce
their power?
Will you seek justice and witness to God's love for
all creation?
I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters
in this congregation
to share in the life, work, and ministry of
Jesus Christ?
I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you pray for child or godchild, encourage
her/him by your words and actions, and walk with
her/him in the way of Jesus?
I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment

One: Let us pledge to our new members and our baptismal families our support and care.

All: **As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

One: May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

All: **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith – New Creed

All: **We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect
in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and
resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Welcome of New Members

All: **In the name of Jesus the Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.**

Presentation of Certificates

Blessing of New Members

One: The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

One: In God's goodness, we have been given the gift
and sign of water.
In the beginning, God's Spirit was at work,
brooding over the waters of creation and birth.
As the water is poured, we recall Isaiah's promise:
"waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert";
Ezekiel's declaration: "I will sprinkle clean water
upon you, and you shall be clean";
the Psalmist's testimony: "Beside the still waters,
God leads me";
and Jesus' words: "whoever gives even a cup of
cold water to one of these little ones—truly I tell
you, none of these will lose their reward."
May God's Spirit be upon us
and these waters of daily use,
which we now use to baptize and to welcome.

Introduction of Baptism Candidates by Sponsors—
Shelley Mutton, Mary Reynolds, Sue MacQueen (Sponsors)

Act of Baptism

One: ...I baptize you,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

One: May the blessing of the one God,
Mother of us all,
be with you today and always. Amen.

Laying On of Hands

One: ..., may the Holy Spirit, Love's power,
guide you, inspire you, and work within you,
all the days of your life.

All: Amen.

Lighting of a Candle

One: ...may the light of Christ shine all the days
of your life.
Light this candle each year as a remembrance
and share the meaning of this day with your child.

Presentation of Certificate and Gift

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

One: Into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**All: We are members of the Body of Christ.
We are inheritors of God's promise.
In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

Final Blessing

**All: The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.
Amen.**

★ Hymn: "I Have Called You By Your Name" 🎵 MV #161

Following the baptisms and reception of new members, 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.

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation

**All: Holy One, may we approach
the stories of our faith and
the stirrings of our souls
open to being surprised.
Lead us into love in ways
we can't yet imagine.
Amen.**

 **Scripture—John 17: 1-11**

Acclamation

One: This is the good news of Jesus.

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

John— John is the fourth gospel[†] (good news). Its author makes no attempt to give a chronological account of the life of Jesus (which the other gospels do, to a degree), but rather "...these things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." John includes what he calls signs, stories of miracles, to help in this process.

[†] *The stories of Jesus—Matthew, Luke and Mark being the others.*
Chris Haslam-www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/bpr02m.shtml

John 17:1-11—This prayer contains John's interpretation of what Jesus' life, death and resurrection meant for the Christian community for which he was writing in the last decade of the 1st century. It also summarizes much of the Gospel. The whole prayer covers familiar themes: Jesus death and resurrection as glorification; eternal life as knowing God through faith in Jesus, the Christ/Messiah; the disciples as those chosen to represent Christ in and to the world; the disciples' need to be sustained in their mission through the truth they have received from Jesus and now are to share with

the world. In this excerpt, John attempts to inspire and encourage his own community of disciples many years later. Their faithfulness in a difficult time will keep them in loving fellowship with each other, with Christ and with God. It will also enable them to accomplish their mission of making the "glory" of Christ, the Son of God, known as well as maintain the elusive spiritual unity the mission requires.

Rev. John Shearman www.seemslikegod.org/Lectionary/YearC_Easter7.htm

Questions for Reflection

- Are you friends with someone who is fairly different than you are? What makes that friendship work?
- What does it mean to you to be in right relationship with God? As you answer this question consider that I asked about "right" not "perfect" relationship.

Ministry of Music "Be My Church" *by David Lantz*
(Tracie Klaehn, flute)

Reflection

★ **Hymn:** "Deep In Our Hearts" 🎵 MV #154

RESPONDING

Offering – invitation

Offertory "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *arr. by Dale Wood*

★ **Dedication:** "What Can I Do?" 🎵 MV #191

All: **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

RETURNING

★ **Hymn:** "Heaven is Singing for Joy" 🎵 VU #230

★ **Commissioning and Blessing**

★ **Sung Blessing “Halle, Halle, Halle”** 🎵 VU #958 (sung 2x)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

“Con Moto”

by Maurice Greene

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

Ushers: Laura Cudworth, Dorothy Duxbury, Marjorie Eveleigh
..... and Richard Jackson

Greeters: Maureen Crawford and Betty Crawford

Sunday Morning Activities:..... Wendy Rudd, Franceen Wagner, Rob Vanderlinden

Guest Musicians: Tracie Klaehn

Chair of Council: Maedith Radlein

Sponsors: Mary Reynolds, Shelley Mutton, Sue MacQueen

A/V Coordinator: Sandra Quehl

A/V Operators: Owen Rudolph, Sandra Quehl

Chancel Arrangements:..... Thelma Van Camp

Coffee Hour: Membership & Pastoral Care Committee

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)



“WHAT’S UP at Parkminster!”



Here are just 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 the “What’s UP” email or place an announcement, please contact the church office at parkuc@golden.net . **Deadline for submission – 10:00am Thursdays.**

MINISTERS’ MESSAGES

Upcoming Services:

May 20: Pentecost Sunday celebrating the sacrament of Communion. Bread and juice will be served in the pews.

May 27: Rev. Don Linkletter will lead worship as Rev. Heather and Rev. Joe will be attending the annual meeting of Hamilton Conference.

Pastoral Care Support: Both Rev. Joe and Rev. Heather are available for pastoral care support. You may contact either of them at church (Sunday-Thursday), or leave them a confidential voicemail or email.

OCCASIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part Time Occasional Custodian Opportunity: Parkminster is in need of a person or persons who would be willing to be the backup for our Custodian, Allen Switzer. They are needed when there is a church event such as a wedding or funeral and other special events when Allen is unavailable, sometimes on short notice (e.g. due to illness). Tasks include necessary cleaning, greeting, lift operation, and set up and take down of table and chairs when needed. Remuneration is \$100 if setup and take down is not required or \$150 when set up and take down is required. **A detailed check list of duties is available at the church office where applications should be submitted by Friday, May 25 at 3:00p.m. For further information contact: church office 519-885-0935 ext. 21 parkuc@golden.net ; Virginia McQuay ginnymcquay@rogers.com ; or Marilyn Hill budandmarilyn@hotmail.com.**