

**PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

**PENTECOST**



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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      “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”      *arr. Larry Shackley*

**Welcome**

**Statement of Welcome**

One: Today we remember our relationship with the First Peoples, a relationship which has seldom been healing and empowering. With gratitude and respect, we recognize now 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 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, & among us.**

## Joys and Concerns

### Call into Community

One: Come Holy Spirit, come.

**All: Call us, gather us, form us into a community energized by Love's power.**

One: Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today.

**All: So that we may live with purpose, Compassion courage, and enthusiasm.**

One: Let us celebrate the Spirit's coming!

**All: Let us be a Spirit-filled community!**

★ Introit & Christ Candle Lighting:

“Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives”

♪ MV #6

(vss. 1, 3, & 5)

## 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—Rex A. Hunt

[http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_pentecostafter](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter)



*Following the passing of the peace children and youth will leave for Sunday Morning Activities. They will join us again later in the service for Communion. 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: Unless the eye catch fire—God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire—God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire—God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire—God will not be loved.  
Unless, the mind catch fire—God will not be known.  
As the stories of our faith are spoken and heard,  
may we burn, body and soul with the Spirit's  
passion.**

Adapted from *Celebrate God's Presence*



**Scripture—Acts 2: 1-21** (*The Message: The Bible in Contemporary English*)

### Acclamation

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

**Acts**—This book is the sequel to the gospel according to Luke. Beginning with Jesus' ascension, Luke tells the story of the beginnings of the church. By no means a comprehensive history, it does however describe the spread of the church from Jerusalem to all of Palestine, and as far as Greece. The episodes he reports show how Christianity arose out of Judaism. He shows us something of the struggles the church underwent in accepting Gentiles as members. The Holy Spirit guides and strengthens the church as it spreads through much of the Roman Empire

Chris Haslam--<http://montreal.anglican.org/comments/archive/apentm.shtml>

**Acts 2:1-21**—Jewish people celebrated Pentecost long before the Christian Church adopted it as the anniversary of the gift the Holy Spirit. John's Gospel refers to it by its Jewish name, "the Festival of Weeks." Originally a harvest festival, it also had a connection with the covenant God made with Noah (Genesis 9:8-17). Later it became linked with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. This passage tells how the Spirit came unexpectedly upon the apostles fifty days after the resurrection to give them the mandate for a new mission: to proclaim the power of God's love through the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah/Christ.

John Shearman-[www.seemslikegod.org/Lectionary/YearC\\_Pentecost.htm](http://www.seemslikegod.org/Lectionary/YearC_Pentecost.htm)

### Questions for Reflection

- Look back on your life. Are there moments when you know God's Spirit was present to you?
- What is your founding story, the story you tell yourself about the events and people that made you who you are?

**Ministry of Music** "Let My Heart Be Quiet" *by Heather Schopf*

### Reflection

★ **Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" 🎵 VU #375

## RESPONDING

**Offering** – invitation

**Offertory** "I Need Thee Every Hour" *arr. 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**

**CELEBRATING**



**Sacrament of Communion**

May the Spirit of the mystery that we name God  
And the Spirit of Jesus, the one who incarnated God be with  
you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks for the Spirit's power and presence.

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who hovered over creation  
and brought order out of chaos.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who was steadfast and loyal to Israel,  
Entering into covenant,  
Calling leaders,  
Sending prophets.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who filled Jesus  
with power and wisdom  
and, through Him, made  
the life of God plain for all to see.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,

Who has been poured out  
on all people,  
and leads us into the God's Kingdom  
of love, justice, mercy and compassion.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

And so, as we gather at the Lord's table,  
And recognise the Spirit's Presence  
among us we join our voices in a song of praise,  
(♪ MV #203 tune: Kingsfold):

***O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One  
who comes and bears Your name always!***

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with friends to  
tell again the ancient story of liberation from bondage.

**As faithful Jews, mindful of their tradition, his friends  
saw Jesus as being like the passover lambs God had  
once used to save Israel;**

Lambs that were sacrificed and whose blood adorned the  
doors of Jewish homes, so that the nation of Israel could be  
spared the final plague before liberation from slavery.

**To some of his frightened disciples it seemed that the  
broken bread was like his body, and the poured wine  
like his blood.**

So they told a story about his final days that was rich in  
Passover imagery;

Together with his friends Jesus shared a meal of  
rememberance and celebration on that Passover eve.

**At supper on the night before He died Jesus took bread,  
blessed it, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:**

This is my body, broken so that you may know life.  
Eat it and remember me.

**After the meal Jesus took wine and blessed it.**

**Then He gave it to His disciples saying:**

This is my blood, shed so that you may know life.

Drink it and remember me.

In the terrible days that followed it seemed like injustice and violence killed Jesus and his ministry.

**But there were more meals - and more ministries!**

So, now, Creator of Life, we share in this meal,  
we celebrate together, and we remember You.

**And we will continue to do this**

**until the day the Spirit has flooded the whole creation.**

At this time, we also remember

all with whom you would have us share your feast.

**We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .**

all who are ill or alone . . .

**all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .**

all whom the world counts as last and least . . . .

**We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . .**

for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .

**for those whom we love and those whom we are  
challenged to love.**

*(Prayers of the day)*

And so, in memory of the Love that walked among us, in acknowledgement of the Love that lives within us and in hope of Love yet to come, we offer our praise, as we proclaim in song the mystery of faith(♫ MV #204 tune Kingsfold):

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again!***

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again!***

We pray you, God of Love,

**send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here,  
that we, and these gifts,**

**touched by your Spirit,  
may be signs of life and love to each other,  
and to all the world.**

And so we pray:

**Praise be to God, the Source of love!  
Praise be to Jesus, Love made flesh!  
Praise be to the Spirit, Love's power!  
Praise be to God! Amen.**

...the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready.

*(The distribution of the bread and the juice today emphasizes Grace—that we are recipients of gifts from God and so we remain seated and the elements come to us. please hold on to the bread and juice so that we may eat and drink together. The bread being served is gluten free.)*

**May the love we find at this table  
be reflected in our lives;  
May the power we receive at this table  
make us peacemakers and healers;  
And may the Spirit who fills us again  
at this table lead us to be those  
who proclaim God's Kingdom  
in every word we speak  
and in everything we do.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **RETURNING**

- ★ **Hymn:** “Oh, A Song Must Rise”      🎵 MV #142
- ★ **Commissioning and Blessing**
- ★ **Sung Blessing “Halle, Halle, Halle”**      🎵 VU #958 (sung 2x)  
    **Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
    **Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
    **Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
    **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Postlude**

“Sonata”

*by Antonio Vivaldi*

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

Ushers:.....Lynn Harper, Sarah Bruce, Don & Roxy Linkletter  
Greeters: .....Geoff & Kate Pease  
Lay Reader:.....Richard Jackson  
Sunday Morning Activities:.....Iso McGregor, Skye Power, Rev. Heather Power  
A/V Coordinator: .....Sandra Quehl  
A/V Operators:.....Heather Watts & Sandra Quehl  
Counters: .....Cedric Charette & Amanda Kalbfleisch  
Chancel Arrangements:.....Thelma Van Camp  
Coffee Hour: .....Thelma & Swain Van Camp  
Coffee Hour Dessert: .....Lori Jamieson

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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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The flower this morning celebrates the arrival of Arienh Kaedence Alexander, born May 9, daughter of Chris and Joscelyn Alexander, sister to Kieran and Declan.



**This week let us pray for:**

**World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle – Southminster United Church, Niagara Falls. Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle United Churches – Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles**

**“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](mailto:parkuc@golden.net) .

**Deadline for submission – 10:00am Thursdays.**



**From Your Property Committee:**

Are you considering upgrading your current lawn mower? The church's gas push mower is kaput! Would you consider gifting your mower to the church? Call Bud 519-746-6282

The church has a pull down, attic hatch adjustable ladder available to a good home. Call Bud before May 30, 519-746-6282.



## MINISTERS' MESSAGES

### Upcoming Services:

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

**June 3:** United Church Anniversary Sunday service to be held at First United Church. Rev. Jenny Stephens from the national office will be preaching and there will be a mass choir. **There will be no worship at Parkminster** this day to allow everyone to attend the service. If you give your offering by envelope, please bring it with you. They will be brought back to Parkminster after the service.

**June 10:** Music Sunday and Sunday School Picnic. Come and celebrate the vibrant music of Parkminster, our children, youth and their leaders with some good food and games! (*see below re: food*)

**June 17:** Labyrinth Signage dedication. On this day we will have special guests present as toward the end of the service we will be going outside to dedicate some new signage that will increase the visibility of the labyrinth to the wider community. This service is the first of possibly a few to be held in the gym due to the replacement of the lift.

**June 24:** Indigenous Sunday. On this day we will have with us a special guest speaker, Mary Anne Caibaioisai. Mary Anne is from Manitoulin Island and in Sept. will begin a walk along the water of the Grand River from it's source to it's mouth and back, in an act of prayer and devotion.

**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.

**June 10 Picnic:** If your last name begins A-L bring a salad. If your last name begins M-Z bring a dessert. Please include a card listing all the ingredients to assist those with food allergies/sensitivities. BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers will be provided. Don't forget to bring your plates, cutlery, and lawn chairs.

Thanks to the many kind people who have donated new or gently used items for the residents of **MARY'S PLACE**. Sheets, pillow cases, towels, mugs, bowls & cutlery were taken to Mary's Place last week and gratefully received. Now the bins are feeling the need to be filled again. Please take a look at your home! Maybe you are doing some "Spring cleaning" & have discovered some things that you do not need any more. Someone, currently residing at Mary's Place, with the hope of a place of their own, would really appreciate something you can share.  
***Thanks from your Outreach Committee!***

## 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](mailto:parkuc@golden.net) ; Virginia McQuay [ginnymcquay@rogers.com](mailto:ginnymcquay@rogers.com) ; or Marilyn Hill [budandmarilyn@hotmail.com](mailto:budandmarilyn@hotmail.com).**

### **Using comedy to talk about a serious topic – Discovery: A Comic Lament**

Take a step toward better understanding of our history with Indigenous peoples. Discovery: A Comic Lament is a play that gets us thinking about the origins of our historic and present-day understandings about land rights. It teaches us about the Doctrine of Discovery and challenges us to confront the Doctrine's lasting impact on Indigenous peoples, and to question our own settler stories.

Each performance is opened and closed by invited guests Mino Ode Kwewak N'gamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers).

Plan to attend one of four performances:

**May 31** at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener;

**June 1** at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo;

**June 2** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Preston, Cambridge;

**June 3** at Steinmann Mennonite Church in Baden.

All performances are at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$10/students and \$15/general public. Online tickets are available at [www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament). Limited number of tickets at the door.

The play is produced by Ted & Co., a theatre company that tackles faith and social justice issues through comedic storytelling. The event is organized by an ecumenical planning committee including Parkminster, and is funded in part by the United Church of Canada. See the bulletin board in the Upper Hall for more information.