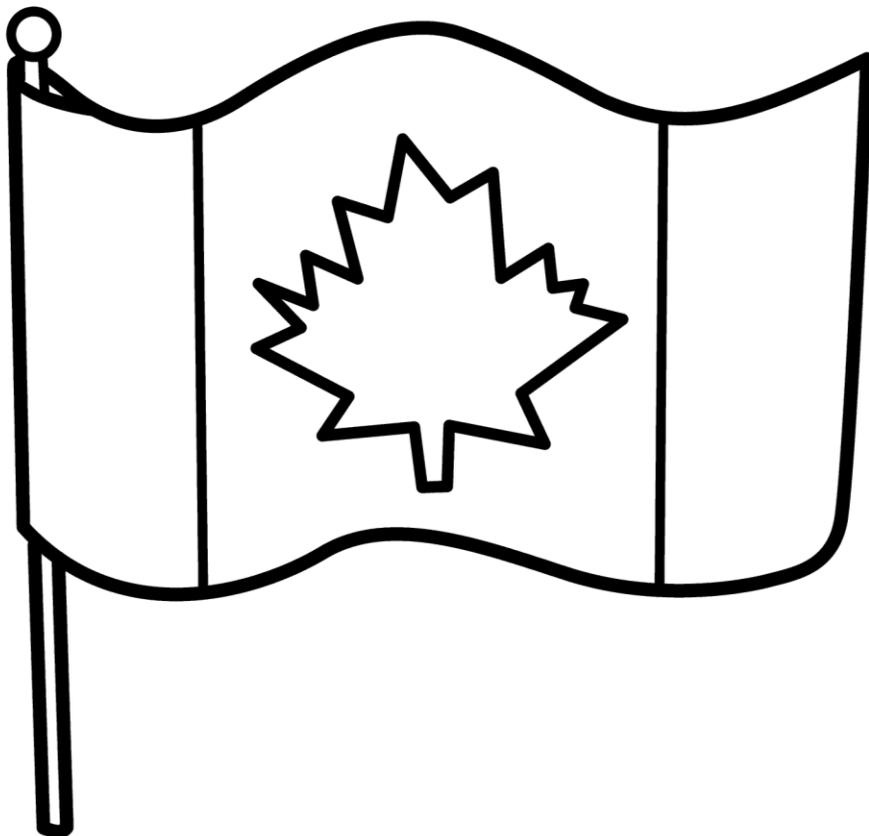


# PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

Guest Worship Leader: Jeff Learmonth

# Happy Canada Day!



*You Are Not Alone. Come Share The Journey.*



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**A Bit About Jeff:** Originally from St. Catharines, Jeff grew up in what is now First Grantham UC. He has been actively involved in the church at all levels for many years. Jeff is presently a member of First United Waterloo where his partner Kellie McComb is Minister. He is currently in Discernment, testing and exploring his call to ministry.

**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:** “Amazing Grace” *arr. by J. Carter*

**Welcome**

**Statement of Welcome**

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

## Joys & Concerns

### Call to Community

One: We brush against God

**All: in long-term friendships and relationship, and also in instances of closeness with folk we lock eyes with in a crowd.**

One: We brush against God

**All:** in moments of great joy and places so painful they appear unbearable, in outrageous laughter, in times of deep calm, in rich learning and situations of foolhardy lack of caution.

**One:** We brush against God

**All:** on mountaintops, in raging rivers, in bustling city streets and twittering forests. In the work of our hands and the beauty of a poem, in the stillness of prayer and the deafening noise of a rock concert.

**One:** And God brushes against us, always inviting us into beauty and grace. Come, let us worship God.

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★ Introit: "Let All Things Now Living"      🎵 VU #242

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**



## 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*

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## EXPLORING

### Prayer of Preparation

**All: Brush up against us in this holy space, God of grace. Heighten our awareness of your presence in our lives. Enliven our senses to your touch. Open our eyes and enable us to see richness and beauty in everything we encounter. Whisper your promise of hope into our ears, and embolden us to reach out to you in all the circumstances of our lives that we bring with us this day. Amen.**

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★ Children's Hymn: "Like A Rock" ♪ MV #92

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.  
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.  
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.  
Like the river runs to the ocean,  
our home is in God ever more.**

## Story Time

 **Scripture — 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27**  
**Mark 5: 21-43**

**Ministry of Music:** “Summertime” *by G. Gershwin*

## Reflection

★ Hymn: “I Danced in the Morning”  VU #352

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
 and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
 and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
 at Bethlehem I had my birth. *R***

*Refrain:*

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
 I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
 and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
 but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
 they came with me and the dance went on. *R***

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
 the holy people said it was a shame;  
 they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
 and left me there on a cross to die. *R***

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
 it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
 they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
 but I am the dance and I still go on. *R***

**They cut me down and I leap up high;  
 I am the life that will never, never die;  
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
 I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *R***

## RESPONDING

### Offering – invitation

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

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

#### Lord's Prayer Paraphrase

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:**                    “God, as We Rise to Leave”     🎵 VU #417

**God, as we rise to leave this shell of worship,  
called to the risk of unprotected living,  
willing to be at one with all your people,  
we ask for courage.**

**For all the strain with living interwoven,  
for the demands each day will make upon us,  
and for the love we owe the modern city,  
God, make us cheerful.**

**Give us an eye for openings to serve you;  
make us alert when calm is interrupted,  
ready and wise to use the unexpected;  
sharpen our insight.**

**Lift from our life the blanket of convention;  
give us the nerve to lose our life to others;  
be with your church in death and resurrection,  
God of all ages.**

### ★ **Commissioning and Blessing**

★ **Sung Alleluia**                    “Alleluia”                    🎵 MV #52

**Alle, alle, alleluia!**

**Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!**

**Postlude:**                    “Maple Leaf Rag Theme”                    *by S. Joplin*

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

Ushers: ..... Virginia McQuay  
 Lay Reader: ..... Jim Bowman  
 A/V Coordinator: ..... Sandra Quehl  
 Chancel Arrangement: ..... Chancel Committee  
 Juice Hour: ..... Marilyn Hill & Bud Adams

The Ministry of Parkminster: All of us

Ministers: ..... Rev. Heather Power (ext. 22) and  
 ..... Rev. Joe Gaspar (ext. 23)

Music Director: ..... Neil Murray (ext. 25)

Office Administrator: ..... Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)

Custodian: ..... Allen Switzer (ext. 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](mailto:parkuc@golden.net) **Deadline for submission – 10:00am Thursdays.**

## **JULY PASTORAL CARE & WORSHIP COVERAGE**

### **WORSHIP**

**Sunday, July 8:** Karen Cartmell is a former member at Parkminster who moved to Saskatchewan. While there she became a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She visits Waterloo regularly and is excited to lead worship at Parkminster.

**Sunday, July 15:** Rev. Deb Deavu is a Diaconal Minister who recently served a congregation in Morrison, Ontario for 21 years.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

*(these people are available for urgent pastoral care situations and funerals)*

**July 2 - 8:** Rev. Ellen Baynton-Walker (Forest Hill), 519-497-6204

**July 9 - 15:** Rev. Gary Clark (Forest Hill), 226-963-1175

## OFFICE COVERAGE

Melanie will be on holidays July 3 – 6, during which time Barb Monteith will be covering the office (thank you Barb!). **Office hours will vary during this week, so please call or email the church office should you need to contact Barb.** Normal office hours will resume when Melanie returns on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

## URGENT – SUMMER WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help during July & August as House Groups take a break. We need people to help with greeting, ushering, as lay readers, juice hour servers, etc. **Sign-up sheet is by the main entrance.** Your help is greatly appreciated.

## THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

**World Council of Churches:** Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda; **Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:** Tansley United Church, Burlington