

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

MUSIC SUNDAY

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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“Music stirs our hearts
and engages our souls
in ways we cannot describe.”

~ Hildegard of Bingen





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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: "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang
 (The Band)

Welcome

One: Today is music Sunday, a day to receive gifts offered by Parkminster's musicians and to let those gifts deepen our spirits and draw us into the holy. We anticipate being moved beyond ourselves into beauty and meaning. We are grateful.

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

The Band:

“Living in the Moment”

by Jason Mraz

“Never Alone”

by Lady Antebellum

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation

One: Let us immerse ourselves in God's ways;

All: and tune our ear to God's word.

One: Let us be open to the stories of faith of our ancestors;

All: and listen for God's unbroken melody of love, that echoes through the ages to us today.

One: That we might be instruments through which the Holy One's song of acceptance, peace and justice continues to be heard.

★ Children's Song: "Take Up His Song" 🎵 MV #213

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.

Men's Chorus:

"Ave, Maris Stella" *arr. Diane Loomer* (soloists: Jamie Hofman, Kevin Smith)

"We Rise Again" *arr. S. Smith*

"I'll Fly Away" *arr. Craig Courtney* (piano: Jeannie Petrie, Bob Hudgins)

Opening Our Hearts

Psalm 57: 7-8—My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

“Music reveals more than all wisdom and philosophy. It is the mediator between the spiritual and daily life. Music is a doorway, an entrance into a higher knowledge, a knowledge which comprehends humanity, but which humanity cannot comprehend.”

- Ludwig van Beethoven (paraphrase)

Reflection

Question to Ponder:

- When has a song or a piece of music helped you feel closer to God?

Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir:

“O God Beyond All Praising” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Opening Our Hearts

Psalm 40: 1-3—I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

“I am a hole in a flute that the Christ’s breath moves through, listen to this music.”

- Hafiz

Reflection

Question to Ponder:

- When have you felt like an instrument that God was playing?

Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir:

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Opening Our Hearts

Luke 15: 25-28—Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in.

*“Just these two words He spoke
changed my life:*

Enjoy Me

*What a burden I thought I was to carry--
a crucifix, as did He.*

*Love once said to me, "I know a song,
Would you like to hear it?"*

*And laughter came from every brick in the street
And from every pore
in the sky.*

*After a night of prayer, he
changed my life when*

*He sang,
"Enjoy Me."*

- Teresa of Avila

Reflection

Question to Ponder:

- What if God is less like a set of rules and more like a song or a piece of music? What difference might that make?

Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir

“Canto de Esperanza”

arr. Susan T. Sylvester

(flute: Tracie Klaehn, cajon: John Watson, guitar: Neil Murray)

RESPONDING**Offering – invitation****Offertory**

“Siciliano”

J.S. Bach

(flute: Tracie Klaehn)

★ 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 (All)**

We offer our gifts this morning as thanks for beauty that shows us the sacred, for the beauty of harmony, for music that takes us beyond ourselves and offers us comfort and joy. We trust that our gifts will bring to our world the beauty of peace by justice and the celebration of difference. Amen.

Celtic Crossing:

“Tyrone March”

traditional Irish March

“For the Love of Friends”

*by Dan Duggan***★ Hymn:**

“Come, Let Us Sing”

♪ VU #222

Voices United Choir:

“Wana Baraka”

arr. Shawn Kirchner

“The Heavens are Telling”

Joseph Haydn

(soloists: Midori Marsh, River Guard, Chad Quigley)

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

Howard Helvey (soloist: Midori Marsh)

Prayers of the People

RETURNING

- ★ Hymn: “He Came Singing Love” 🎵 VU #359
- ★ Commissioning and Blessing
- ★ Sung Alleluia “Alleluia” 🎵 MV #52
- ★ Closing Hymn: “A Place in the Choir” *by Celtic Thunder*
(The Band)

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

Ushers: Glenn Harper, Cedric Charette, Dorothy Duxbury
Greeter:..... Barb Pryor
Candle Lighter: Poppy Hicknell
The Band:..... River Guard, Colleen Usaty, Jeff Stacey,
..... Lee McWebb, John Watson, Angie & Neil Murray
Celtic Crossing:..... Debbie Miethig, Barbara Hull, Rob MacQueen
Soloists: Jamie Hofman, Kevin Smith, Midori Marsh,
..... River Guard, Chad Quigley
Piano:..... Jeannie Petrie, Bob Hudgins
Flutist:..... Tracie Klaehn
Cajon: John Watson
Guitar:..... Neil Murray
A/V Coordinator:..... Sandra Quehl
A/V Operator: Terry Ridgway
Chancel Arrangement: Chancel Committee
Juice Servers:..... Jenny & Joe Sheldon, Sarah Jewett
Church Picnic: Christian Education Committee

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

SUMMER WORSHIP & PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE

Heather’s recent health leave combined with Joe's planned vacation will have some impact on summer services and pastoral care at Parkminster. Some may be wondering what that impact may be. We want to support both Joe and Heather as our ministers and also provide a way for services and pastoral care to be available for the congregation.

Sunday Services: Joe has met with the group of UC ministers in Waterloo. With them, he developed some alternatives for summer worship which the Worship committee supports. In July services will continue at Parkminster. **July 1, 8 and 15 we will be having guest ministers while Joe is on vacation. In August, Parkminster will be involved in joint services with the other UC churches. Details will be printed in “What'sUP” and bulletins as we get closer to the date.**

Pastoral Care: Local United Church Ministers are being contacted in regards to providing urgent pastoral care and funeral coverage while Joe is away. **Again this information will be made widely available once it has been confirmed.**

Thank you to Joe for his quick work to help create coverage and to all of the Parkminster community for your flexibility and goodwill as we travel this road together.

~ *Maedith Radlein, Chair of Council*

~ *Nancy Dykstra, Chair of Worship*

LIFT WORK STARTS TODAY -- AFTER CHURCH PICNIC

Starting Sunday, June 17, services will be held in the gym for approximately 3 – 4 weeks. The retrofit, like the new music system and stair lift to be installed to the choir loft, is being paid for by a grant received from the Extension Council of the United Church.

We appreciate your patience during this time of improvement. We ask that you take precautions around construction areas. Your safety is our priority!

~ *Maedith Radlein*

MINISTERS' MESSAGES

Upcoming Services:

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.

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 will share her stories and prayers for the water and plans for the Indigenous led water walk from the source to the mouth of the Grand River this September, in an act of prayer and devotion. *AND ...*

Stay for lunch and join Melissa Ireland, Manager: Indigenous Student Services at Laurier, for her workshop, Indigenous Allyship: Toolkit for Change". If you are curious about terms, wondering about how to go beyond land acknowledgements, or wanting to discover positive best practices for working with Indigenous peoples, come and sit in on this participatory gathering. **ALL ARE WELCOME. Register for Lunch in the Upper Hall.**

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

World Council of Churches: Botswana, Zimbabwe; Hamilton

Conference Prayer Cycle: St. Johns-Stevensville United Church

A THANK YOU FROM SHIRLEY ANKENMAN

“To all my dear friends at Parkminster, I am forever grateful and humbled by the response to Wayne's death. Calls, cards, emails, flowers and a prayer shawl as a tangible reminder of your support and love. I am sorry that Wayne, being the quiet, patient, kind person he was, never knew how much he was loved, appreciated and influenced those around him. I will enjoy and cherish my lovely shawl forever, along with my precious memories of our Parkminster friends.” Love and blessings, Shirley Ankenman



***Please Join Us for our
Annual Church Picnic!
Food, Fellowship & Fun!***