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



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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: “O, How I Love Jesus” *arr. by Larry Shackley*

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 into Community

One: Did you hear the call this morning?
 Come into the presence of God.
 Come and find the holiness in your life.
 Come and be renewed.
 Come and be sent out for ministry.
 Come and be encouraged.
 Come and be challenged.
 Come as you are...
 the good and the bad,
 the grief and the joy,
 the fear and the faith,
 the doubt and the conviction.

**All: We come together in community,
we are needed and accepted.
Come Holy One, dwell within us.**

Adapted-Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering (Pentecost 1 2014), p. 29

★ Introit: "I Can Feel You Near Me God" 🎵 MV #48

**I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.**

Refrain:

**And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for you
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for you for you.**

**I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.**

Refrain

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/pentecostb2452015.htmlOne:

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation

All: **May the sacred Wisdom
that lies deep within us
be awakened,
by the words we hear,
by the thoughts we ponder,
by the memories we recall,
by the feelings that arise.
May we be opened to
a love we cannot imagine,
may we be lead into a life
of joy and compassion.
Amen.**

 **Scripture—1 John 3: 16-24**

Acclamation

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: **Thanks be for this grace.**

1 John— This letter was addressed to a general audience, unlike those written by Paul. It shares a style, phrases and expressions with the Gospel according to John, so it is very likely that both were written by the same person. It appears to have been circulated to various churches. The author seeks to combat the notion that the spirit is entirely good but matter is entirely evil. John tells his readers that morality and ethical behaviour are important for Christians.

Chris Haslam-<http://montreal.anglican.org/comments/beas4m.shtml>

1 John 3: 16-24— John writes of God's love for us and God's command that we love one another. This love enables us to live courageously as God requires. Throughout the letter, the author's purpose is to establish his audience in very practical Christian living, not to engage them in theological controversy. In this passage John does not name Christ until the very end, but when he writes of how we know God's love for us, he cites the sacrifice of Christ (vs. 16a). Immediately he repeats Christ's command from John 15:12-13 that we love one

another in a similar manner (vs. 16b). From this thought he jumps to a rhetorical question about the discrepancy between those who have worldly wealth and those who are in need (vs. 17). This may well have been a problem within the Christian community to which John wrote. It certainly is in our day and constantly – even critically - confronts us as governments reduce distribution of wealth by means of taxation and social safety net programs. Love, John goes on to say, must be expressed in concrete actions, not just pious words (vs. 18). Again, the internal conflict of this community may well have been clearly evident in how they “talked the talk, but did not walk the walk.”

John Shearman- <http://seemslikegod.org/lectionary/>

Question for Reflection

- If you had to describe the essence of your Christian faith in ten words or less what would it be?
- What does it mean on an everyday practical level to lay down your life for another?

Ministry of Music: “Father’s Eyes” *by Amy Grant*
(Lani Kerbl, soloist)

Reflection

(My reflections often contain material from other sources that are awkward to acknowledge when speaking. Please pick up a copy of the sermon or check the website if you would like more information.)

★ Hymn: “In the Quiet Curve of Evening” 🎵 VU #278

**In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.**

**In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
In the melting down of endings,**

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.

Jim Cotter © 1988 VU #916

RETURNING

★ Hymn: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” 🎵 VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain,
 I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia “Alleluia” ♪ MV #52

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

Postlude: “Gavotte in F Major” *by Giovanni Martini*

Dedication of the Labyrinth Signage

Welcome

Background

Words of Support and Greeting

Act of Dedication

One: May these signs act as an invitation to the wider
 community to this place of rest and respite.

All: We dedicate these signs to this purpose.

One: May these signs guide all those who are seeking
 this place of contemplation.

All: We dedicate these signs to this purpose.



One: May these signs be a beacon of hospitality and welcome to all walking these grounds.

All: We dedicate these signs to this purpose.

One: With these words we dedicate these objects of daily use for a holy purpose, drawing us together, forming us into community. Amen.

★ **Song:** “I Am Walking a Path of Peace” 🎵 MV #221

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path of hope, I am walking a path of hope, I am walking a path of hope, lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path of love, I am walking a path of love, I am walking a path of love, lead me home, lead me home.

Blessing

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

- Ushers:** Virginia McQuay, Lisa Hicknell, Lorrie Symons
- Candle Lighter:** Gabriel Hicknell
- Lay Reader:** Cedric Charette
- A/V Coordinator:** Sandra Quehl
- Chancel Arrangement:** Chancel Committee
- Juice Servers:** Virginia McQuay, Bob Hudgins,
..... Shirley Elliott, Katie Lefler
- Juice Hour Dessert:** Lorrie Symons, Colin & Iso McGregor and
..... Shirley Elliott

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- 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)
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“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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DURING SUMMER!

Because of vacation schedules, House Groups are not operating during the summer. Volunteers are needed during July and August for greeting, ushering, as lay readers and for juice hour. **Sign-up sheet is in the Upper Hall.** Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

World Council of Churches: Malawi Zambia; **Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:** St. Mark’s United Church, Dundas

