



## PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**Rev. Joe Gaspar and Rev. Heather Power**

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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:** "I Cannot Tell" 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: Beloved of God,  
look around and see the faces of those we know and love—

**All: neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers—  
a community of kindred hearts.**

One: Beloved of God,  
look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—

**All: strangers, visitors, forgotten friends—  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

**One: Beloved of God,  
look around and see all the images of God  
assembled here.**

**All: In me, in you, in each of us,  
God's spirit shines for all to see.**

**One: Beloved of God,  
Let us worship together—**

*Adapted from Celebrate God's Presence*

**★ Introit: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"     ♪ VU #374**

**Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!**



## 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.html](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.html)One:

## 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 — Mark 6: 14- 27a**

### Acclamation

One: This is the good news of Jesus.

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

**Mark**—Three gospels<sup>‡</sup> (the good news) in the New Testament portion of the bible offer similar portraits of the life of Jesus and are known as the synoptic gospels. As witnesses to the events of Jesus life and death became old and died, the need arose for a written synopsis. Mark was likely the first gospel to be written. When other synoptic gospels were written, i.e. Matthew and Luke, they used the Gospel according to Mark as a source. This book stresses the crucifixion and resurrection as keys to understanding who Jesus was.

<sup>‡</sup> The stories of Jesus—Matthew and Luke being the others.  
Chris Haslam- <http://www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/badv1m.shtml>

**Mark 6: 14-27a**— Mark inserts a flashback to the story of John the Baptist to tell what discipleship may cost; vv. 16-29 anticipate Jesus' fate, and that of some disciples. Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee, has had John arrested (v. 17) because he had denounced Herod for marrying his brother's wife (illegal per Leviticus 18:16; 20:21). Even so, because he found John fascinating ("liked to listen to him", v. 20) and recognized his worthiness, he did not wish him dead. But Herodias "wanted to kill him" (v. 19). The story of her *victory* is a horrifying tale. V. 29 foreshadows Jesus' burial in 15:45-46, but there his disciples desert him.

Chris Haslam— <http://montreal.anglican.org/comments/bpr15m.shtml>

## Questions for Reflection

- Are there parts of your life that you open up to God's guidance and other parts you don't? What are they? Why is that?

**Ministry of Music:** "Yes I Will" by Vertical Horizon  
(Kevin Smith, soloist)

## Reflection – Rev. Joe

*(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:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" 🎵 VU #356

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
 seek and you shall find;  
 knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
 Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**We do not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word  
 that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
 Hallelu, hallelujah.**

## RESPONDING

**Offering – invitation**

**Offertory**                      “Sweet By and By”                      arr. by Joe Raney

★ **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** (*said by All*)

**God within us , God beyond us, God among us,  
 May the Mystery always be named and  
 known among all peoples and in all times.  
 May creation give way  
 to the rule of love and the power of life.  
 Satisfy our hunger, and grant us a  
 hunger to see the whole world fed.  
 Restore us to right relationship with You,  
 with creation, with others, with ourselves.  
 Strengthen us to reject all  
 that would lead us away from You,  
 Come to us when we choose death over life.**

**Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.  
For in your love we find the only power,  
the only home, the only honour we will ever need,  
in this life and the life to come.  
Amen.**

*Adapted from paraphrases found in the New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) and one by Sarah-Dylan Breuer found at  
[http://www.theworshipwell.org/pdf/Lords\\_Prayer\\_Paraphrase.pdf](http://www.theworshipwell.org/pdf/Lords_Prayer_Paraphrase.pdf)*

## **RETURNING**

★ **Hymn:**            “I Have Called You by Your Name”     🎵 MV #161

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.  
I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of  
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.  
I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded  
children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

★ **Commissioning and Blessing**

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

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

**Postlude:**                            “Gavotte”                            by Christoph Gluck

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

**Usher:** ..... Maedith Radlein  
**Greeter:**..... Rob Vanderlinden  
**Lay Reader:** ..... Kathleen Vanderlinden  
**Soloist:** ..... Kevin Smith

***We also thank the volunteers who have been setting up the gym every Sunday this month for us. Additional helpers are needed!***

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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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It is with deep sadness that we share the recent passing of Parkminster member Tracie Klaehn, beloved wife of Parkminster member Gordon Lomoth, and loving mother to Isabel Lomoth-Klaehn, Abigail Lomoth-Klaehn, and Hannah Lomoth-Klaehn.

As a caring congregation we extend our love and most heartfelt sympathies to Gord, Isabel, Abigail and Hannah, their family and friends as they mourn their loss. We pray they will feel comfort and support from our prayers as we hold them in the light.

Tracie will be remembered for the beautiful flute music she provided during worship as well as her puppet & animal friends who gathered with children on Sunday mornings for Story Time. Tracie will be greatly missed by her Parkminster friends.

Her memorial service was held Saturday, July 21 at Calvary United Church. Rev. Joe Gaspar officiated.

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

### **AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES**

In August Parkminster will be partnering with other Waterloo United Churches. Services will rotate each Sunday with each church hosting once. Please note times vary depending on the host church. Everyone is welcome.

**Aug 5** - Emmanuel hosting (10:00am), Rev. Joe Gaspar presiding

**Aug 12** - Parkminster hosting (10:00am), Rev. Kellie McComb presiding

**Aug 19** - Westminster hosting (10:30am), Rev. Jenn Hind presiding

**Aug 26** - First United hosting (10:30am), Rev. Margaret Runhart presiding

### **THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR**

**World Council of Churches:** Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda; **Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:** Trinity United Church, Beamsville

### **JULY OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note that the office will be CLOSED July 24 & 25. Melanie will return on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 29 SERVICE**

A few people are needed to assist in setting up the gym Sunday morning, July 29. We also need a lay reader and two ushers/greeters. **Sign-up sheet is by the main entrance.** Please help if you can.

### **LIFT UPDATE**

The lift will be out of order until the end of July. We are awaiting the final finishes and the inspection. Thank you for your continued patience.

## **BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

Happy Birthday wishes to Betty Crawford who turns 95 on July 26! Her temporary address is 1403-405 Waterloo St. London ON N6B 3R7 She is staying with her daughter, Maureen, who had a successful heart transplant on June 28. Our best wishes go to both of them!!!

## **PARKMINSTER PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Our photo directories have arrived and will be distributed after church on a few Sundays during the summer, and when we get back into normal attendance in September. We also have the 8 x 10 photos for a number of people.

## **ALL NATIONS GRAND RIVER WATER WALK, SEPT 15-29**

If you are looking for a way to support Indigenous neighbours beyond our weekly land acknowledgement, the Outreach Committee has an opportunity for you to consider. You can support the All Nations Grand River Water Walk, Sept 15-29 by sponsoring any number of kilometers, at \$10/km. This money will go to help pay for Indigenous walkers' expenses along the route, such as food and water, lodging, and transportation. You can donate using the Parkminster website or put it in an offering envelope on any Sunday between now and Sept 8. Please make cheques out to "Parkminster United Church" and write "Water Walk" in the memo line. THANK YOU for your support! For more information see the bulletin board at Parkminster or go to the Parkminster website.