



## PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb**

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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:** “Fairest Lord Jesus” *arr. by Joel Raney*  
(Gillian Hobson and Neil Murray piano)

### **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: God of creation, You brought life to all that we see. You set the boundaries of the universe and placed us within its care

**All: Creator God, breathe life into Your creation**

One: Holy Spirit, You bind Your children together in community.  
Your bonds transcend borders created by humankind.

You kindle the fire within us that stirs our passion for faith, justice, and reconciliation

**All: Spirit God, inspire us to reconcile**

One: Jesus the Christ, You came to teach and to lead. You showed us the cost of discipleship when You stood up against the powers of the world, and they tried to suppress Your truth by sentencing You to death. Your life was more powerful than death and Your truth lives on in us.

**All: Jesus the Christ, help us reflect Your light of truth and peace.**

*from <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>*

★ **Introit:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” 🎵 VU #684

## Passing of the Peace



One: The peace of Jesus is more than a greeting,

**All: it is more than the wish for a life free of conflict.**

One: It is the peace that Jesus came to proclaim—

**All: the harmony of a life of inclusion, justice and acceptance.**

One: To pass the peace of Jesus is to wish upon your neighbour a life of right relationship with God, with others and with all of creation.

**All: In this exchange we invite one another into the community of God proclaimed by Jesus,**

One: and to which the Spirit calls and points. In that Spirit I invite you to share the peace of Jesus with your neighbour...May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

**All: And also with you.**

## EXPLORING

### Prayer of Preparation

*(Please join in with the movements. For lines beginning “we put away,” hold hands in front of you with palms facing downwards. For lines beginning “we take up,” hold hands in front of you with palms open upwards.)*

**We put away falsehood, lies, deceitful words and actions.**

**We take up truth, honesty, openness in our words and actions.**

**We put away anger that leads us to cause harm with our words and actions.**

**We take up words and actions that help create peace.**

**We put away stealing, greed, grasping for all we can get for ourselves.**

**We take up honest work with our hands, to have something to share with those in need.**

**We put away evil talk, mean words, insults, slander, and judgment of others.**

**We take up speech that builds others up, encourages, comforts, and offers others hope.**

**We put away bitterness, revenge, the desire to cause others harm.**

**We take up kindness, tender-hearted attitudes, forgiving one another.**

Jesus, bread of life, fill us again  
as we sing and pray, speak and listen, members of one  
another, beloved children of God.

We pause in silence,  
to see you, hear you, touch you, taste you, breathe in the  
fragrance of your profound life-renewing love.

*Pause.*

Amen.

★ Hymn: "Over My Head" ♪ MV #88

## Story for the Children and Young at Heart

 Scripture —Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### Acclamation

One: This is the good news of Jesus.

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

Ministry of Music: "Better Than a Hallelujah" *by Amy Grant*  
(Doris Jakobsh, soloist)

### Reflection – Rev. Kellie McComb

★ Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" ♪ VU #376

## RESPONDING

### Offering – invitation

Offertory: "Speed of the Sound of Loneliness" *by John Prine*  
(Doris Jakobsh, soloist)

★ 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

The Lord's Prayer *(from our faith tradition)*

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth, as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil:  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory  
 forever and ever.  
 Amen.

## RETURNING

★ Hymn:                   “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”                   🎵 MV #212

### ★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia                   “Alleluia”                   🎵 MV #52

Alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!

Postlude:                   “Gavotte in D Major”                   *by J.M. Leclair*

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

Ushers: ..... Ted Harris, Ken & Mary Willsie

Greeters:..... Maedith Radlein, Nancy Dykstra

Lay Reader: ..... Pat Harris

Guest Musicians:..... Gillian Hobson (piano), John Watson (cajon)

Soloist: ..... Doris Jakobsh

Juice Hour Hosts:..... Mary Reynolds, 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.**

## MINISTER’S MESSAGES

**VACATION NOTICE:** Rev. Joe will be away on vacation from Monday, August 6 to Sunday, August 19. In his and Rev. Heather’s absence **please contact Rev. Jenn Hind (Emmanuel UC) at 519-635-2184 for urgent pastoral care situations and funerals.** Worship will be covered as per the shared services schedule in the month of August.

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

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

### ***August Highlights:***

- **Food Truck Help:** Volunteers are URGENTLY needed for August 15, 22 & 29. If you can free up a few hours to help, please contact Jack Reynolds at [jackr2002@aol.com](mailto:jackr2002@aol.com) to discuss available dates and shifts.
- **School Supplies Collection Program:** Join Parkminster in supporting the Healing of the Seven Generations “2018 Backpack Program”. **We are now collecting school supplies between now and Labour Day weekend.** *Items can be dropped off in the purple bucket in the foyer.* Thank you for your support!

## **September Highlights:**

- **Volunteers Needed For Sunday Services in September:**  
 September is our 'Second Chance' Month in 2018...no house group is assigned since we have nine house groups to cover 10 months. It's an opportunity to contribute again or if you weren't able to help previously. If you can help, there is a 'sign up' sheet in the upper hall, or email Mary Reynolds at [jackr2002@aol.com](mailto:jackr2002@aol.com).
- **Sept. 15-29 - All Nations Grand River Water Walk:** You can support the All Nations Grand River Water Walk, Sept 15-29 by sponsoring any number of kilometers, at \$10/km. For more information visit our website.
- **Sept. 28 - Euchre Banquet:** Contact Debbie or Mike Miethig to attend the banquet &/or to join the 2018/2019 season!  
[miethig@rogers.com](mailto:miethig@rogers.com)
- **Sept. 29 - 4th Annual Neil Murray Night:** Tickets On Sale Now! Join us for a great evening of fun Sept. 29 at 7:30pm at the Navy Club in Waterloo. Contact the office or Bruce Mutton for tickets. Cost: \$20 per person; \$10 students/teens.