

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

You Are Not Alone. Come Share the Journey.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Reflection:
*Praying
with
Intention*



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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: “They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome

Statement of Welcome

One: In gratitude and with respect we begin by recognizing the First Nations 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 and Concerns

Video Reflection-*The Welcoming Prayer*

Call into Community

One: There is a Spirit of welcome here, in this time of worship.

All: Here, we are called to welcome all that we are, to hold nothing back,

One: The Spirit calls us to rest in the knowledge of our deep acceptedness before God;

All: Here we are called into a community of the broken and the hurting

One: Here we lay ourselves bare to worship, for healing,
for purpose, for meaning.

All: We are here for this.

★ **Introit:** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” 🎵 MV #10

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

All: Holy Wisdom, your Word guides our way and lights our path. Free us from the ravages of ego and fear, humble us to receive your truth in trust and love. Stir up our courage to follow the path you set before us. In the Spirit's power we pray, amen.

★ **Children’s Song:** “God, We Praise You for the Morning”

♪ VU #415, vs. 1 & 2

Story Time

Following the story time, children and youth will leave for Sunday School activities!

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.

★ **Children’s Song:** “God, We Praise You for the Morning”

♪ VU #415, vs. 3 & 4

 **Scripture— Luke 11: 5-13**

Acclamation

One: This is the good news of Jesus.

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

Questions for Reflection:

- * When it comes to prayer what do you wonder about the most?
- * Is there someone who has a prayer life that you admire? What is it that you admire?
- * What do you mean when you say prayer either works or doesn’t?
- * When it comes to prayer what kind of metaphor describes your relationship to God?

Food for Thought

Luke— Three gospels* (good news) in the New Testament offer similar portraits of the life of Jesus; Luke is the third of them. Its author, traditionally Luke the physician who accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys, draws on three sources: Mark (via Matthew), a collection of sayings (known as Q for *Quelle*, German for *source*) and his own source. It is a gospel that emphasizes God’s love for the poor, the disadvantaged, minorities, outcasts, sinners and lepers. Women play a more prominent part than in the

other gospels. Luke never uses Semitic words; this is one argument for thinking that he wrote primarily for Gentiles.

[‡] *The stories of Jesus—Mark and Matthew being the others.*
Chris Haslam <http://montreal.anglican.org/comments/atksgm.shtml?>

Luke 11: 1-13— Most of us feel rather inferior about how we pray; and so did Jesus' disciples. Their time with Jesus, however, had shown them how much prayer meant to him and how effortless it was for him to pray. They wanted to learn from him. Would that it was so for all of us! The brief homily that follows what we call "The Lord's Prayer" explains the willingness of God to match our requests with a grace and kindness beyond all measure. God's answer may not be exactly what we ask for or expect. It is far more important that God's will be the determining factor in our prayers, our lives, for us and for all the world.

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

Ministry of Music: "Les Berceaux" by Gabriel Faure
(Hannah Crawford, soloist)

Reflection—"Praying With Intention"

(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 You There is a Refuge" 🎵 MV #84

RESPONDING

Offering – invitation

If you are visiting with us or are new to Parkminster please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering, your presence is your gift to us.

Offertory: "There is a Redeemer" arr. by Joel 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

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*

RETURNING

★ **Hymn:** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” 🎵 VU #356

★ **Commissioning and Blessing**

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

Alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!

Postlude: “Finale in D” *by John Stanley*

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

Greeters:	Lisa Hicknell and family
Ushers:	Brian Harper, Gary McLellan and Don Rudolph & Carolyn Machan-Rudolph
Lay Reader:	Barb Pryor
Candle Lighter:	Poppy Hicknell
Soloist:	Hannah Crawford
Counters:	Steve & Sarah Quanz
A/V Coordinator:	Sandy Quehl
A/V Operators:	Heather Watts and Sandy Quehl
Chancel Arrangement:	Pat Harris
Coffee Hour Host:	Kieran, Skye & Shadow Power and Norma Hutton
Coffee Hour Dessert:	Franceen Wagner

The Ministry of Parkminster:	All of us
Ministers:	Rev. Joe Gaspar (ext. 23) Rev. Fred Monteith (ext. 22) Rev. Heather Power (on leave)
Music Director:	Neil Murray (ext. 25)
Office Administrator:	Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)
Custodian:	Allen Switzer (ext. 26)



This Week Let Us Pray For
Hamilton Conference Monthly Prayer Cycle:
 Grace United Church, Caledonia
World Council of Churches Focus:
 Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

PLEASE NOTE

Rev. Gaspar will be on a study week from Monday October 22nd to Sunday October 28th. In his absence, please contact Rev. Fred Monteith at 519-885-0935 ext. 22.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Posters: To maintain a clear sight line for the office administrator and to keep our glass clean, please refrain from taping posters to the main entry doors. Bulletin boards &/or “What’s UP” are great ways to advertise!

Community Events: Local events are posted on the bulletin board beside the Family Room.

Lost and Found: Misplaced something? Items that are discovered at church throughout the week are placed in the Lost and Found box across from the office. Feel free to have a look!

“What’s UP at Parkminster!”:

For a detailed listing of events, activities & notices please refer to the “What’s UP” email sent out every Friday.

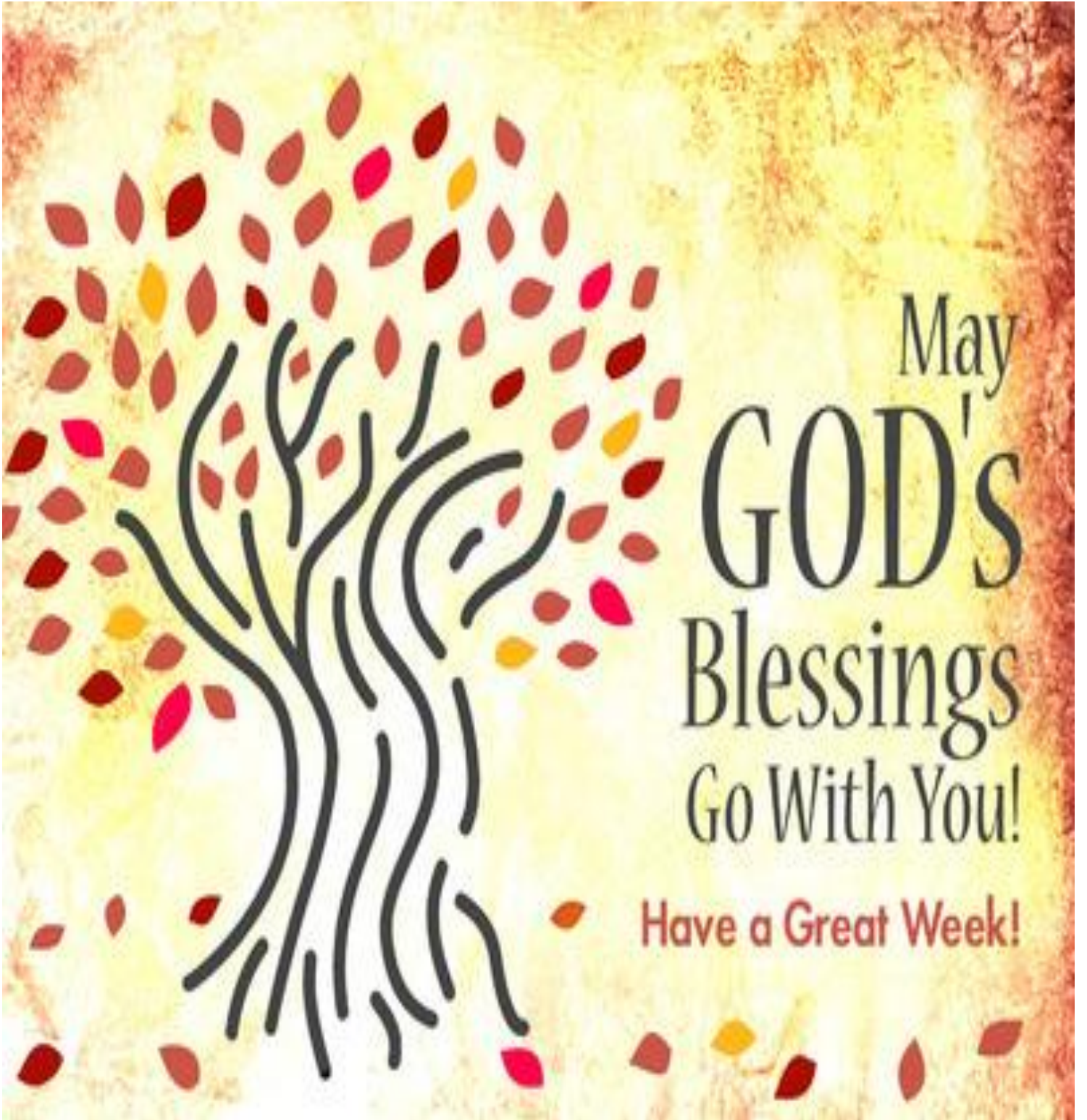
If you have an announcement you’d like to include, please email the office with a brief message. Deadline is Thursday at 10:00am.

To receive “What’s UP” please contact the office. A limited number of hardcopies are also available in the Upper Hall.

Defibrillator: A defibrillator is located on the wall at the top of the basement stairs.

Wheelchair: A wheelchair is stored in the custodian’s storage room (aka the penthouse). Please return it after each use.

First Aid Supplies: A container of supplies is located on the top of the coat rack across from the office.



May
GOD'S
Blessings
Go With You!

Have a Great Week!