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Reflection: “Spiritual Practices-Praying with Scripture”

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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:** “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

*arr. by Brad Nix*

**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

### Call into Community

One: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,

**All:** people with vision.

One: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,

**All:** people with questions.

One: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,

**All:** people with self-doubts.

One: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,

**All: people with courage.**

One: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,

**All: people with regrets.**

One: We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,

**All: people with wisdom from the margins.**

One: We come together in community, heeding the call to play our part in the ongoing story of faith.

★ **Introit:** "Come Touch Our Hearts"      🎵 MV #12

## PREPARING

**Prayer of Confession** 🎵 (2x) *MV 85*

*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

**Assurance**

**Passing of the Peace**



One: May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

**All: And also with you.**

## EXPLORING

**Prayer of Preparation**

**All: When we are thirsty and hungry  
we satisfy our bodies  
by the gifts of the earth.  
Our souls also thirst and hunger.**

**May the stories of our faith  
and the inspiration of the Spirit  
satisfy us our souls and move us  
to joy and gratitude. Amen.**

★ **Children’s Song:** “God of the Bible” 🎵 MV #28, vss. 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 of the Bible” 🎵 MV #28, vss. 3&4

📖 **Scripture— Hebrews 4: 12-13 & Romans 12: 1-3**

## **Acclamation**

**One:** May God bless these readings to our understanding.

**All:** **May it be so.**

### ***Questions for Reflection:***

\* What is the bible to you, how has it affected your Christian journey?

\* Have you ever been surprised by scripture?

**Ministry of Music:** “May I Be Still” *by Brian Tate*

### **Reflection—“*Spiritual Practices-Praying with Scripture*”**

*(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:** “How Firm a Foundation” 🎵 VU #660  
vss. 1-3 & 5

## 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:** “Song Without Words”

*by Felix Mendelssohn*

★ **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)*

**All: 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.**



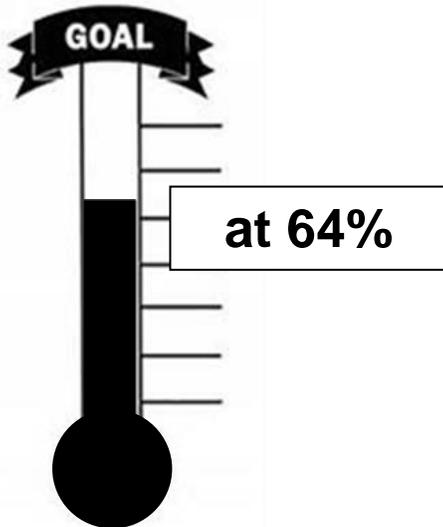
**\*MEETING REMINDER\*:** House Group #2 will be meeting in the Family Room **today** following worship to plan November duties.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: How Are We Doing?:** As happens at this time each year, we'll keep you posted on givings vs. the amount budgeted to meet operating costs, and where we stand in reaching our outreach goal.

**LOCAL:** As at September 30, local fund offerings are at \$191,000, 64% of our target for the year of \$300,000.

**OUTREACH:** Outreach offerings of \$57,800 (excluding several special appeals) are at 72% of the target of \$80,000.

**LOCAL FUND \$300,000**



**OUTREACH \$80,000**



**What's the Scoop on Legacy Giving?:** Have you ever wondered about how you can support Parkminster going into the future? Well, your Stewardship Committee wonders about that all the time! So, we've asked Rev. Dave Jagger, United Church Stewardship and Gifts Officer, to come and tell us about Planned Legacy Giving. **Join us after the service on Sunday, October 28, 2018** for lunch and an opportunity to learn more about ways in which we can support the future ministry of Parkminster United Church. See you there!



## “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.

**For those not on email, a limited number of hardcopies are available in the Upper Hall.**

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### 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!

**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.