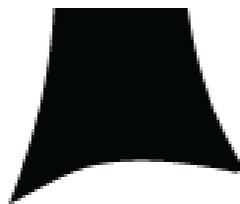


**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF FAITH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018**



**PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**



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**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

Reflection: “Dream Catchers and Unbinders”

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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:** “Blessed Assurance” *arr. by Joel Raney*

**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: There are many who have walked the path with, toward and in God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

**All: We come to give thanks for them.**

One: As they were called, so we are called to live as Jesus did, answering the call saying, "Here I am! Send me."

**All: We come to ask for guidance and courage.**

**One:** We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of sinner and saint. God loves us as we are and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

**All:** We come to worship God who is holy love and holy mystery.

★ **Introit:** “For the Faithful Who Have Answered” 🎵 VU #707

## PREPARING

### Opening Prayer

**Creative and creating God, you continue to do new things among us, calling us to new ministries, to new ways of being your church. Rooted in your love and grounded in your gospel, may we be attentive to your call and aware of your Spirit, remembering our ancestors in the faith and preparing the path for those yet to follow your path of love and justice. Continue our transformation and renewal O God. Amen.**

*Adapted from Susan Lukey, High River United Church, High River, Alberta.*

### 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:** Those who came before us heard guidance and wisdom for their lives and their time in the stories and the teachings of those who came before them. May we find guidance and wisdom

for our time in those ancient stories and teachings, finding fresh meaning and new life for us and for all creation. Amen.

★ **Children’s Song:** “We Give Our Thanks” 🎵 MV #187  
(hands/feet – 3x)

## 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:** “We Give Our Thanks” 🎵 MV #187  
(eyes/hearts – 3x)

## **Scripture—Revelation 21: 1-6a & John 11: 32-44**

*(The Scripture readings today are taken from “The Message-The Bible in Contemporary Language”)*

## Acclamation

One: May God bless these readings to our understanding.

All: **May it be so.**

### **Questions for Reflection:**

\* What are the words that are trustworthy and true for you?

\* When have you felt bound and who let you go?

**Ministry of Music:** “Make Me an Answer to Prayer”  
*arr. by Dan Goeller*

## Reflection—“*Dream Catchers and Unbinders*”

★ **Hymn:** “What Calls Me from the Death” 🎵 MV #93





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

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### “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.