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**Sunday, November 11, 2018**

**Reflection: “The Profanity of War”**

Rev. Joe Gaspar - Rev. Heather Power - Rev. Fred Monteith

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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** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *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 was a dream,

**All: Lions and lambs together,  
Nations at peace,  
Weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.**

One: This dream takes on flesh,

**All: In you and me,  
Guided by the Spirit,  
Living the love of Jesus.**

One: The dream has an enemy in fear,

**All: So we gather,  
in community,  
to remember the victims of fear,  
to remember the dream,  
to find company with the Dreamer.**

One: May it be so, let us worship together,  
the people of the dream.

★Introit

“Blest Are They”

♪ VU #896



**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  
neighbor 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.**

**Remembering**

**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.*

## Prayer

**All: God of peace and justice,  
 you have gathered your people  
 together this day in remembrance,  
 we give you thanks for those who gave  
 their all for our sake and  
 whose lives were taken much too soon.  
 We give thanks that they have been gathered  
 from the storm of war and into the peace of your  
 presence.  
 We, pray that their memories will lead us  
 to build a world of peace, beginning with  
 ourselves.**

## Reading “In Flander’s Fields”

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
 We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields.  
 Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders fields.

## Solo “Sure on this Shining Night” by Samuel Barber (Hannah Crawford, soloist)

*This composition based on a poem by American poet James Agee is thought to have been inspired by a flight Agee took over the land where a WWI battle had been fought, twenty years after the end of the war. Agee saw the earth healed and whole from the scars of war on a spectacular late summer's evening. The earth was in full bloom – far from the death and destruction caused by war.*

## Naming Those We Remember

### Words of Remembrance

by *Laurence Binyon* from *For the Fallen, 1914*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
**we will remember them.**

### Last Post

(Martin Lacoste, trumpet)

### A Time of Silence

*(to remember, to mourn, to pay respect, to meditate)*

### Reveille

### Words of Assurance

- ★ **Hymn**      “Peace For the Children”      (vss. 1-5) 🎵 MV#149  
*During the singing of the third verse children and youth will leave for Sunday Morning Activities. Happy Learning!*  
*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.*

## EXPLORING

### Prayer of Preparation

**All: Holy One,  
May we surrender our stories into Your story,  
that we may know the peace  
of abiding in your Love  
Amen.**

**Ministry of Music**      “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
*arr. by Linda Lamb (Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir)*

## Scripture Acts 10: 1-28

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

### ❖ Questions for Reflection

- ❖ Who or what do you remember on Remembrance Day?
- ❖ “What God has made clean, you shall not call profane”, how does this speak to you of war and peace?

*Acts—This book is the sequel to the gospel according to Luke. Beginning with Jesus' ascension, Luke tells the story of the beginnings of the church. By no means a comprehensive history, it does however describe the spread of the church from Jerusalem to all of Palestine, and as far as Greece. The episodes he reports show how Christianity arose out of Judaism. He shows us something of the struggles the church underwent in accepting Gentiles (non-Jews) as members.*

*Chris Haslam <http://montreal.anglican.org/comments/beas5m.shtml>*

*Acts 10: 1-43—This story reads like the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 and was intended as its sequel. Before Peter had finished preaching, the Holy Spirit came upon the household of Cornelius, a Roman military officer and a Gentile (non-Jew). Jewish Christians accompanying Peter were astonished that the Spirit had come to a gathering of Gentiles. With the baptism of Cornelius and his household a new phase of the Christian story begins, extending the faith to those not born Jewish.*

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

**Ministry of Music** “Prayer of the Children”

*arr. by Andrea Klouse (Voices United Choir)*

**Video Reflection-Jean Vanier-Belonging to Each Other**

**Reflection** “The Profanity of War”

*(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** “When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides”      🎵 MV#169

**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** “Simple Gifts”      *arr. by Cathy Moglebust*  
(Cast In Bronze Handbell Choir)

★ **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 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](http://www.theworshipwell.org/pdf/Lords_Prayer_Paraphrase.pdf)

## RETURNING

★ Hymn “He Came Singing Love”      🎵 VU #359

### ★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia “Alleluia”      🎵 MV #52  
**Alle, alle, alleluia!**  
**Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!**

Postlude “Till We Meet Again” *by Richard Whiting*  
(Martin Lacoste, trumpet)

**Note: There will be no coffee hour after the service today.  
Preparations are being made for this afternoon’s  
Scrabble and More Event.**

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

**Greeters:**..... Bill & Laura Muirhead  
**Ushers:** ..... Bill & Laura Muirhead, John & Wendy Watson  
**Lay Reader:** ..... Shelley Mutton  
**Guest Musician:**..... Martin Lacoste  
**Counters:**..... Cedric Charette and Amanda Kalbfleisch  
**A/V Coordinator:**..... Sandra Quehl  
**A/V Operators:** ..... Colleen and Dana Usaty  
**Chancel Arrangement:** ..... Mary Flewelling-Pinchen

**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)





The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Janet McLellan, placed by her family Gary, Paul, Julianna, James and Mark.

It is with deep sadness that we share the recent passing of Parkminster Charter Member, Reg Haney, beloved husband of Elaine. As a caring congregation, we extend our love and most heartfelt sympathies to Elaine, children Mary Anne, James, Peter, and John and their families as they mourn their loss. The memorial service for Reg will be held at Parkminster on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**This week let us pray for**

**World Council of Churches:** Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia

**Hamilton Conference:** East Plains United Church, Burlington (Halton Presbytery)

**TCOW Colombia 2019:** Great news! Colleen Usaty and Abbie Hicknell will be going to Brisas del Mar with TCOW (Two Countries One World) trip over March Break. We appreciate your support! Colleen and Abbie are taking orders for Colombian coffee, treats, and T-shirts before and after church today. Orders taken by today will be available in time for Christmas gift-giving. The same products will remain for sale until January for later delivery. Stay tuned for Colombian coffee and sweets to be served at coffee hour on Sunday, November 18!

## **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 November 4, Local Fund offerings are at \$206,300, 69% of our target for the year of \$300,000.

**OUTREACH:** Outreach offerings of \$65,400 (excluding several special appeals) are at 82% of the target of \$80,000.

### **LOCAL FUND \$300,000**



### **OUTREACH \$80,000**



### **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.

## “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 10:00 a.m.

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.**