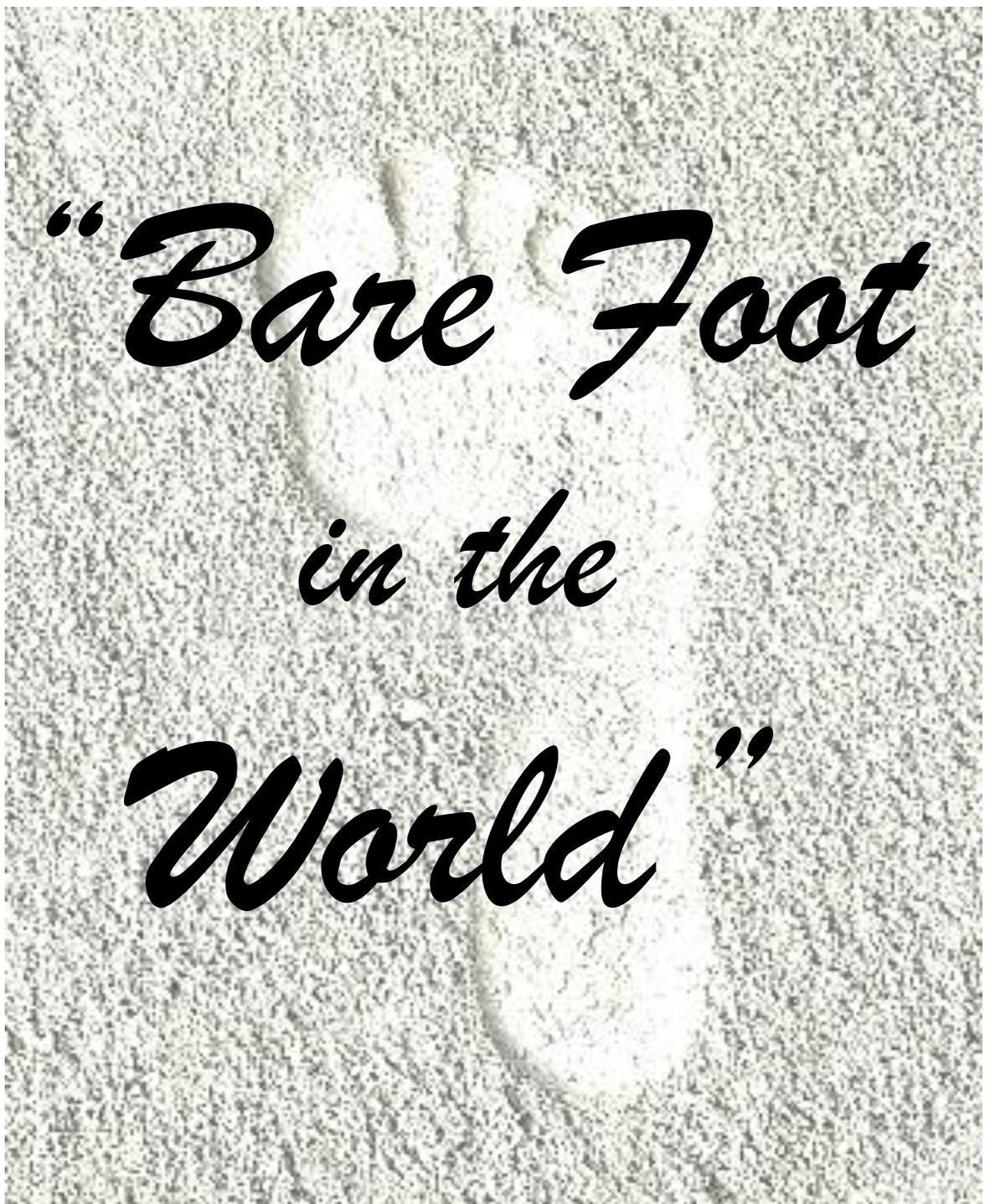


# PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, November 18, 2018



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**Reflection: “Bare Foot in the World”**

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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/Neil Murray piano duet)*

**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: Moses saw a burning bush and he took off his shoes, for he expected to be on holy ground.

**All: We have come to worship with our shoes on and our minds distracted. How shall we find holy space?**

One: As in Moses' time so also now, there are glimpses of God's ever-flowing presence, we need only turn aside and look.

**All:** In this time of worship we turn aside from our busy and distracting lives to wait and look and listen for that which will lead us to take off our shoes, expecting that we have found holy ground.

One: Come let us worship together.

★ **Introit:** "O World of God" ♪ VU #258

### 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.**

### PREPARING

#### Prayer (said by All)

**We gather now, eyes wide open to wonder. As Moses turned aside to see the bush ablaze with eternal Presence, so in this sacred gathering do we turn aside**

to see the world charged with the grandeur and the glory of indescribable Mystery. We turn aside to see the beauty of each other, the goodness of this life, and the truth of sacred wisdom that knows: Earth to be holy; all creatures to be kin; the universe to be One; the Spirit to be a flaring presence, for all who turn aside to see. Amen.

*Bruce Sanguin, If Darwin Prayed :Prayers for Evolutionary Mystics. Vancouver, 2010*

## Prayer of Confession

♪ MV #85 (sing 2x)

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

## Words of Assurance

★ **Children's Song:** "Like a Rock" ♪ MV #92 (sing 2x)

## Story Time

*After story time 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.*

★ **Children's Song:** "Like a Rock" ♪ MV #92 (sing 2x)

## EXPLORING

## Prayer of Preparation (said by All)

**Holy One, we set down our busy-ness, our lists, our calendars and we listen. Hoping to hear a word, a phrase that might emerge from ancient stories of you**

and your people. Attune our ears, our minds, and our hearts for we are listening. Amen

 **Scripture—**

**Exodus 3: 1-15** (OT, pg. 50)

**Luke 10: 38-42** (NT, pg. 72)

**Acclamation**

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

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

**❖ Questions for Reflection**

- ❖ What in your life or your work causes you to be “worried and distracted”?
- ❖ When have you turned aside from your responsibilities to look at some “great thing”?

**Ministry of Music:** “Hold on to the Rock”

*by Pepper Choplin*

(Voices United Choir with Xander Bechard, soloist)

**Reflection—“Bare Foot in the World”**

★ **Hymn:** “One More Step Along the World I Go” 🎵 VU #639

**RESPONDING**

**“What Parkminster Means to Me”**

**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.*

**Ministry of Music:** “Everyone Needs a Little” *by Kari Jobe*  
(Colleen Usaty & Catriona Teves)

**Offertory:** “What Do I Know” *by Ed Sheeran*  
(The Band)

★ **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

**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)*



**“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.

**A limited number of hardcopies are available in the Upper Hall.**

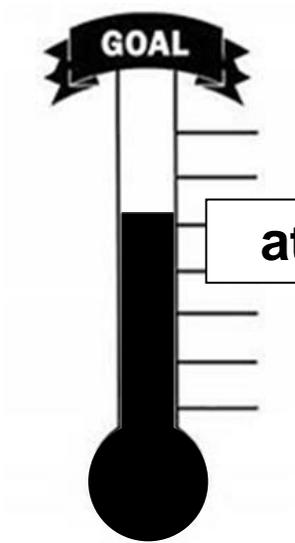
**FINANCIAL UPDATE: How Are We Doing?:**

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 11, Local Fund offerings are at \$217,000 (includes November PAR offerings), 72% of our target for the year of \$300,000.

**OUTREACH:** Outreach offerings of \$69,108 (includes November PAR offerings) are at 87% 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.