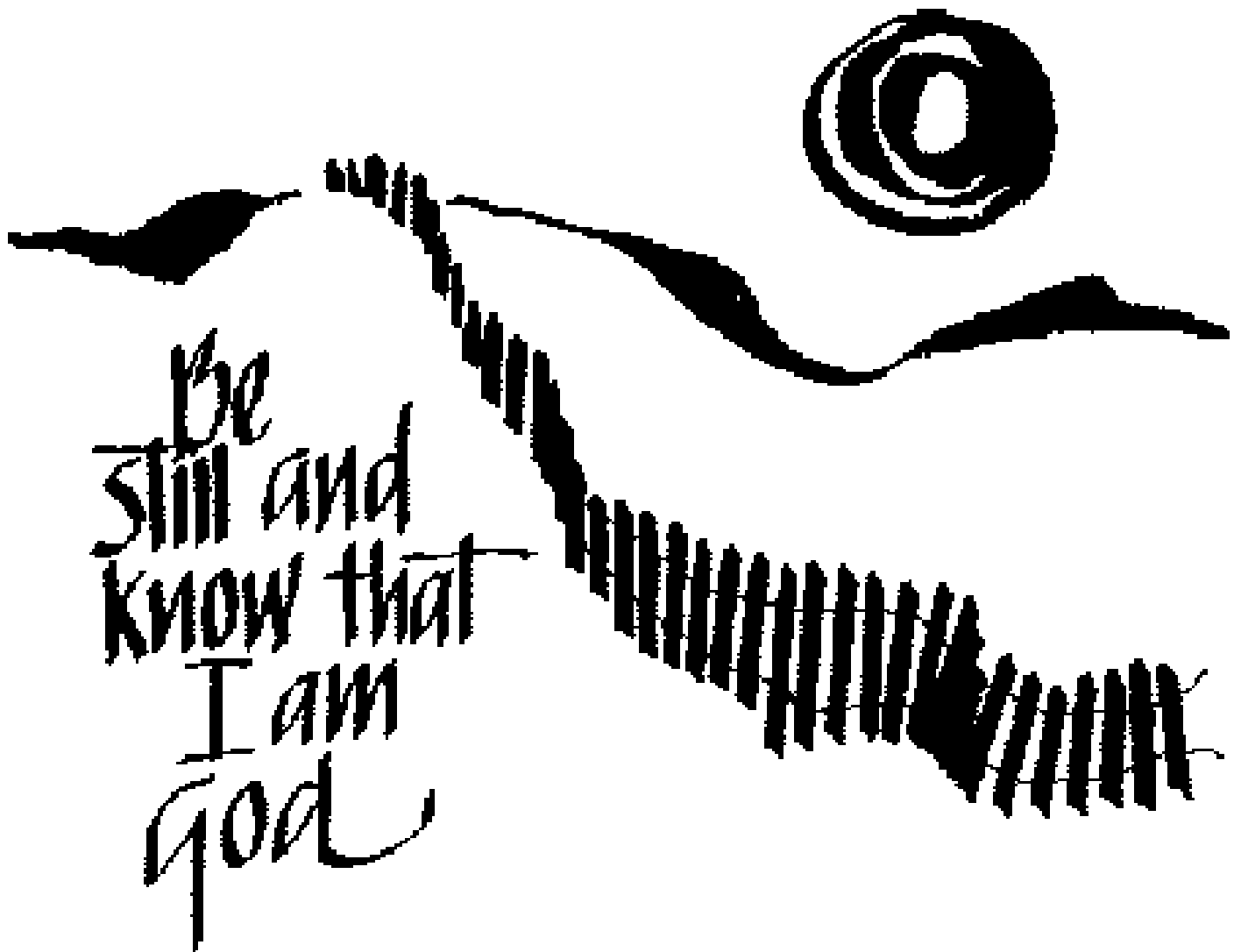


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LARGE PRINT Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

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: “Open the Eyes/Be Thou My Vision” *arr. 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

Silence—A Video Reflection

Opening Reflection/Call into Community

★ **Introit:** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” 🎵 VU #374

Passing of the Peace

One: God is the source of peace within us.



All: In humility and surrender let us claim it.

One: Jesus is the way of peace among us.

All: With courage and faith let us live it.

One: The Holy Spirit is the unity of peace between us.

All: With generosity and joy let us share it.

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

All: And also with you.

Adapted—Rex A. Hunt Adapted—Rex A. Hunt

www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.htmlOne:

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation


**All: O radiant God, living wisdom,
eternal love revealed in time,
revealed in our stories, ancient and new:
come, open us to risk and courage,
make your home within our hearts,
that we may live in the light always. Amen**

★ **Children’s Song:** “In You There Is a Refuge” 🎵 MV #84

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.

 **Scripture—1 Kings 19: 8-13**

Acclamation

One: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be for this testimony of faith.

❖ Questions for Reflection

- ❖ What have been your experiences of silence?
- ❖ Is there too much silence or not enough silence in your life?
- ❖ What has been revealed to you in silence?
- ❖ What does the prospect of twenty minutes of silence do to you?
What is that about?

Ministry of Music: “O Lux Beatissima” *by Howard Helvey*

Reflection—Spiritual Practices “*Listening for God-Praying with Silence*”

(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:** “God of Still Waiting” ♪ MV #20

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: “Better than a Hallelujah” *by Amy Grant*
(Doris Jakobsh, soloist)

★ **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: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,
Pain-bearer, Life-giver.
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the
 universe!
 The way of your justice
 be followed by all peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another,
 forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test,
 strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory and the power that is
 love, now and for ever. Amen.

Jim Cotter © 1988 VU #916

RETURNING

★ Hymn: “In the Quiet Curve of Evening” 🎵 VU #278

★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ Sung Alleluia “Alleluia” 🎵 MV #52

Alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!

Postlude: “Air en Echo” *by Michel de La Lande*

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At 3:00pm this afternoon, Parkminster
 will host the Waterloo Presbytery
 Celebration Worship.
 Please join us for this historical worship!
 Everyone is welcome.

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

Greeter:..... Frank Parkinson
 Ushers: Bruce & Shelley Mutton, John & Wendy Watson
 Lay Reader: Marg Parkinson
 Counters:..... Ron Usaty, Jack Reynolds
 A/V Coordinator:..... Sandra Quehl
 A/V Operators: Heather Watts & Sandra Quehl
 Chancel Arrangement: Mary Flewelling-Pinchen
 Coffee Hour Hosts:..... Ken & Mary Willsie
 Coffee Hour Dessert: Anniversary Cake!

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)

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meeting

There will be a House Group Leader meeting in the Family Room after the service today to plan for 2019.

“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.

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 October 31, Local Fund offerings are at \$205,661, 69% of our target for the year of \$300,000.

OUTREACH: Outreach offerings of \$65,037 (excluding several special appeals) are at 81% 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.