

PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, November 25, 2018



Reflection: “Now What?”

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



PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
 275 Erb Street East, Waterloo, ON N2J 1N6
 519-885-0935 | parkuc@golden.net | parkuc.ca

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Reflection: “Now What?”

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

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: “O, How I Love Jesus” *arr. by Larry Shackley*

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

“Gather Us In”

♪ MV #7 (sing 3x)

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

*Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.*

Being Held in Silence

★ Introit:

“Bring Many Names”

♪ VU #268

Passing of the Peace



One: Deep peace of the running wave to you.

All: **Deep peace of the flowing air to you.**

One: Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

All: **Deep peace of the shining stars to you.**

One: Deep peace of the One of peace to you.

All: **And also to you.**

PREPARING

Prayer (said by All)

Holy Mystery who is Holy Love you have gathered us in and invite us to be grounded in you. Some of us have found you in the beauty of creation. Some of us have found you in long and trusted friendships. Some of us have found in you the cadences and harmonies of music. Some of us have found you in the spaces between the notes, deep silence. Some of us are still searching. And now, in our finding and in our searching you have found us and gathered us into your love. For this ingathering we are deeply thankful. Amen

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:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" ♪ MV #48

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:** “I Can Feel You Near Me God” 🎵 MV #48

EXPLORING

Prayer of Preparation (said by All)

Holy One, we come listening for a word that will open us to wonder. We come longing for a word that will mend our broken hearts. We come hoping for a word that will inspire us to faithful living. Our ears, hearts and minds are open. Come Holy One and speak. Amen

 **Scripture—Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 (NT, pg. 193)**

Acclamation

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

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

Questions for Reflection:

- What is the gift you have been given for building up the body of Christ?
- When have you felt “blown about”?
- What do you know about “speaking the truth in love”?

Ministry of Music: “Laudate Dominum”

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(Hannah Crawford, soloist; Gillian Hobson & Bob Hudgins, accompanists)

Reflection—“Now What?”

★ Hymn: “God of Still Waiting”

♪ MV #20

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.

Offertory: “On Wings of Song” *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

Lord's Prayer-Paraphrase

**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 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 of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen**

Copyright ©1988 Jim Cotter

RETURNING

★ **Hymn:** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” 🎵 VU #633

★ **Commissioning and Blessing**

★ **Sung Alleluia** “Alleluia” 🎵 MV #52

Alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!

Postlude: “Triumphal March” *by G.F. Handel*

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

Greeters:.....Bruce & Shelley Mutton
Ushers:Steve & Sarah Quanz, Ken & Mary Willsie
Lay Reader:Wendy Watson
Soloist:Hannah Crawford
Accompanists:.....Gillian Hobson, Bob Hudgins
Counters:.....Steve & Sarah Quanz
A/V Coordinator:.....Sandy Quehl
A/V Operators:Colleen Usaty, Dana Usaty
Chancel Arrangement:Mary Flewelling-Pinchen
Coffee Hour Hosts:.....John & Wendy Watson
Coffee Hour Dessert:.....Marg Parkinson

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)

“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 REPORT as of November 20th

We are in a very challenging position financially as we approach year-end.

The Local Fund offering total of \$219,783 is just 73% of the \$300,000 needed to meet budgeted expenses.

The Outreach offering total is \$69,763 --- 87% of the \$80,000 target.

LOCAL FUND \$300,000



OUTREACH \$80,000



This Week Let Us Pray For

World Council of Churches: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle: Quest Learning Centre, Hamilton
(meeting in Westdale United Church)



Please refer to today's insert for a
**Complete listing of upcoming
 Advent/Christmas Services & Events**
 We hope you can join us
 as we prepare
 to celebrate this joyous season.

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.