

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

building connections – living faith – acting for justice

May 15, 2022 – Easter 5

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten

GATHERING SONGS

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30 st. 1, 2, 4

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit...
It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit...

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We Are Marching (Siyahamba) VU 646

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (2X)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, we are marching in the light of God. (2X)
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INTRO

Here at Parkdale United Church, we use three short phrases to describe our ministry.

Building Connections: We believe church is about community, building relationships, and taking care of each other so you don't feel alone in this big world.

Living Faith: How do we live out our faith? How do we take what we learn from our sacred texts, our worship services, our book studies and Bible studies beyond these walls to make this world a better place?

Acting for Justice: We promise to stand up for justice, to help those who are marginalized, oppressed, and all those who are suffering. We do this by paying attention to current events, by

helping those who don't have as much as we do, and giving a voice to those who are not strong enough to speak for themselves.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy, the Tsuut'ina, the ÎStoney Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232 st. 1-3

Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry van Dyke, alt. Tune: HYMN TO JOY
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are times in our lives when following Christ seems almost too difficult.

People: Yet he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.

Leader: Our fears and doubts crowd out his call.

People: Christ, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.

Leader: Christ, take our hands and walk with us.

People: Bring the brightness of your love to us.

Leader: Help us see your face, O Christ.

People: For we are ready to receive your healing love.

READING

Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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HYMN

I See a New Heaven

VU 713 st. 1,3,4

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
when the fountain of life flows and without price
goes to all people who abide in the land.
There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will be.
I see a new heaven...
There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light, reveals the promise of love.
I see a new heaven...
There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust to build a promised new land.
I see a new heaven...

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MESSAGE

SENDING HYMN Come, Celebrate the Call of God

Come, celebrate the call of God that wakens and renews,
and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news.
The Spirit's blessing all ordains to show what God has done,
yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.

A chosen one today replies and fit and ready stands.
Her calling we now recognize with prayer and loving hands.
A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will embrace
to stir and comfort and to mend, be glad with loving grace.

She heard a call to serve our God, she answered, "Lord, I'm here
for sacraments, to preach the Word, and care for those who're dear."
Together we'll create the space where all are welcome and led,
the banquet feast has room for all, a place we're loved and fed.

Words: Brian Wren, st. 1 & 2; Beth Balshaw, st. 3

Tune: FOREST GREEN, VU 518

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BENEDICTION

God invites us into his future, where the one who makes all things new has made their home among us. We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain, and even death will be no more. Remember God's future, for this is our story. Go out in peace and spread the good news that through God, all things are made new. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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