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23rd Sunday After Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit"



Reflection

" Speak Truth To Power"

Classical Greek

We are a people of
EXTRAVAGANT
WELCOME

WELCOME TO KIMBOURNE PARK UNITED CHURCH

Whether you are here for the first time, the 101st time or have been a long standing member we are **happy** that you are with us this morning.

Our mission is simple-*"to feed God's people (that's you) mind, body and spirit."*
Our doors are open wide and our table welcomes all.

Communion, held on the first Sunday of each month, is shared with everyone, of any age, of any belief. Should you wish to offer a monetary gift there are envelopes marked "WELCOME" which can be used and placed on the offering plate.

*If you have any questions about our community or just want to meet some of our members you are invited to **stay for coffee and "what-nots"** in the hall following the service.*

To learn more about us visit our website www.kpuc.org and/or like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/KimbourneParkUnitedChurch

Pre-service Music & Welcome

GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Land

ALL: We acknowledge the land. For 15,000 years, Indigenous peoples have tended to it: the Petun, Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. We hear the cry for justice and right relationships, and we strive to walk in peace, respect, friendship, and in solidarity.

MV 99 "Stand, O Stand Firm"

Entry into the Celebration

One: Jesus calls all to an inclusive community. Yet he promises no greatness and no soft beds. Only to follow.

Carol: Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presentness of God. We light this flame to remind one another that within us is all of creation. Within us is God.

The community candle is lit.

ALL: We are the light of God. We will not hide our light but like the flame burn bright.

Opening Sentences

One: In our gathering together let us marvel at life, recognising its wonders and its signs.

ALL: The blowing wind, the rising and setting sun, the barren trees and drying grasses.

One: In their beginning, in their ending, they offer evidence of continuing creativity

ALL: In all creation, visible and invisible.

Adapt.P.Pinsent/ml

Act of Awareness

One: We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight.

Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.

S.M. Campbell/slt

Jubilate Deo

Jubilate everybody

Serve the Lord in all your ways

And come before His presence singing

Enter now His courts with praise

For the Lord our God is gracious

And His mercy's everlasting

Jubilate Jubilate Jubilate Deo

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Peace

The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.

MV 183

"I'm Gonna Shout"

CENTERING

Music Meditation: David

EXPLORING

Reading from our biblical tradition

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Cantor: *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-9, 14-19

Inclusive Text

When some were speaking about the temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: all will be destroyed.'

And they put to Jesus this question: 'Teacher,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' Jesus said, because many will come using my name and saying, "I am the one," and, "The time is near at hand."

'Refuse to join them.

'And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon...

'Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.

'You will be betrayed even by parents, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

'You will be hated by all on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives

MV 108 "I Know Your Word"

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.

I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever. (repeat)

Contemporary Word

VU 579 "The Church is Wherever God's People"

Offertory Invitation

One: We give not to make our selves feel good. We give because giving is good. We give of our time our talent and our money so that others might experience the great goodness that we name God.

VU 651 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Offertory Prayer:

ALL: Holy One, receive our offerings as a symbol that we as a people are committed to serving and raising up one another in this place and beyond our front doors. Use our gifts so others might experience the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen May this be so!

Prayers of the People: Headlines For God and community to remember

Sung: "A New Creed"

Music: Andrew Aitchison

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

SCATTERING

Announcements

Words of Mission

One: As we prepare to leave this sacred space where we have worshipped together, let us return to our work enlivened and renewed.

The community candle is extinguished.

One: Where Christ walks,
ALL: We will follow.
One: Where Christ stumbles,
ALL: We will stop.
One: Where Christ cries,
ALL: We will listen.
One: Where Christ suffers,
ALL: We will hurt.
One: When Christ dies,
ALL: We will bow our heads in sorrow.
One: When Christ rises again in glory,
ALL: We will share his endless joy.

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MV 209 "Go Make a Difference"
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world! (Repeat)

Blessing Words

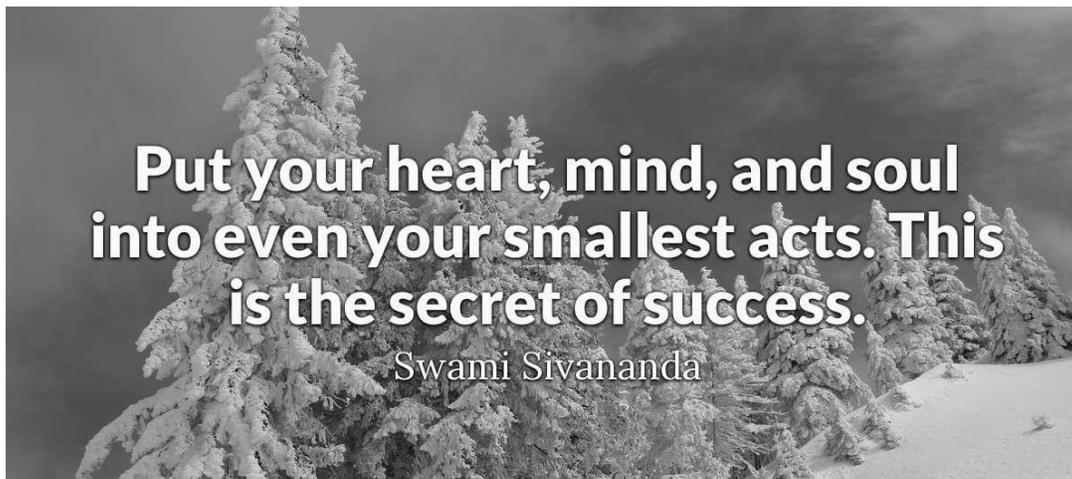
One: May God the star maker cradle and circle you.
May God the storyteller beckon and encourage you.
May God the life changer challenge you and cherish you.
May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter
all the moments of your nights and days.

MV 153 "Body, Mind and Spirit" verse 3

Margaret Motum

Body, mind and spirit,
nurtured in community,
prayer, concern, loving action,
faithful humanity.

Postlude



Please note that our church administrator, Nicole, will be on vacation this week. If you have items for the upcoming newsletter please send them to her at office@kpuc.org no later than November 25.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month at **7:30 PM in the Jessie Scott Room**. The November meeting will be tomorrow **Monday, November 18**. All members of the congregation are welcome.

GAMES NIGHTS

Games Night is an evening of board games held **in our church hall on the second Saturday of each month from 5-10 PM**. All members of the community of all ages are welcome to this free event. You are welcome to bring a game and/or snacks to share. Pizza and drinks will be available at nominal cost.

Plan to attend our next Games Night on **Saturday December 14**.



This SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 is ACTION SUNDAY

ACTION SUNDAY is our service, our worship. You are the most important part of how we live our mission of "working together to feed God's people."

All ages and skills are needed in the kitchen, for service and welcome. Speak to Suzanne to see where your time and talent can be put to use.



Thursday November 28 5:30 PM will be our annual Greening of the Church. Everyone, of all ages, friends, family and neighbours, are welcome to join in the fun, singing and of course, food.

Come out and celebrate the first event of the Christmas season.



The **Christmas Marketplace**, which takes place on **Saturday, December 7** and we are looking for people to sign up to bring in such items as:

Cookies (individually wrapped) - ginger snaps, shortbread, Christmas themed cookies, chocolate chip, oatmeal, sugar cookies etc.

Squares - date, lemon, chocolate, hello dollies etc.

Brownies

Muffins

Tarts

Cake

Your favourite festive treat.

As well as soup and sandwiches for the tea room.

Please speak to any of the following to volunteer or contribute:

Bakers - contact Suzanne Bond

Cookie makers - contact Catherine Mattar-Hurlbut

Soup and sandwich makers - contact Sharon Harrison



Does it seem a bit early to start preparing for Christmas? Not for our music director, David. You can be part of the choir on Christmas Eve. No experience or musical ability required except the desire to sing at our Family Service on December 24. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:30 and Saturday at 10:00 starting November 28 until December 21, except Saturday December 7th. Interested? Speak to David today.

What is the M&P Committee?

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees.

The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith. If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

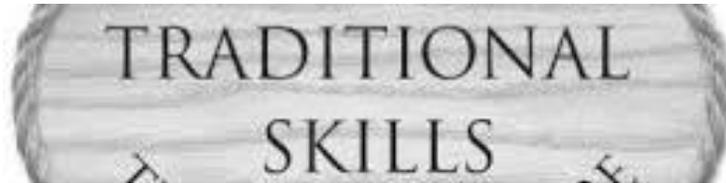
Kimbourne Park United Church is blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our community of faith.

Presently serving on the committee are Sharon Harrison, Jim Macdonald, Lawrence Shintani (Chair).



This will be our salute to Michael on his retirement and celebration of his ministry at KPUC. It will be a pot luck supper in our hall so that all can attend. Time and details to be announced later.

Please spread the word to former members and others who would be interested in joining us on that day.



Daniel with Garden@Kimbourne will be doing a series of traditional skills workshops in our kitchen in the evenings of November 20 and December 4, 11. Everyone is invited to learn about canning, baking and making kimchi and yogurt. Watch the bulletin over the coming weeks for further details.

2019 **AMAZING** **YEAR!**

Our annual congregational meeting date has been set for **February 23, 2020**. Annual Reports will be available on February 9. If you have a committee report to submit please have them into the office for publication **NO LATER THAN January 24**.

GET ! **INVOLVED!**

...as we prepare for the ACM why not consider becoming a member of the board. We need some new people with fresh, new ideas as we move into the future.



2019-2020 CATALOGUES HAVE ARRIVED!

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Gifts with Vision has gift ideas to suit every interest, budget, and person. It's a great way to celebrate special occasions and honour loved ones!

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Every gift is developed by one of our Mission & Service partners and each one truly makes a difference! Let us hear some of the amazing things that have been accomplished thanks to your giving through Gifts with Vision.

You have made so many good things possible through your gifts: clean water projects in Congo, Nicaragua, and Zambia; summer camp experiences for more than 200 children across Canada; education and safe spaces for children around the world; food for people who are homeless in Canada; grocery gift cards and warm clothing for remote Indigenous communities; food, shelter, and education for displaced persons in Kenya, the Philippines, Colombia, and Jordan; Indigenous cultural renewal here in Canada; a culture of peace in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East; and projects in reconciliation and Indigenous reclaiming of language and traditions--just to name a few!

Copies of the this year's GIFTS WITH VISION catalogue are available for viewing on the table in the narthex and in the front of the sanctuary.

Personal note: I have given Gifts with Vision to several people over the past several years. Not only did it feel good to give some one with a gift that makes a difference but it was easy to do and appreciated by the recipient plus I got a bonus of a tax receipt as well!

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The Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20, was set aside to recognize those who have been killed due to ignorance and hatred, targeted because they were trans or gender non-conforming. The first event took place in 1999 in San Francisco to honour Rita Hester, who had been brutally murdered the previous year.

PRAYER FOR TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or did not pass, or did pass, or stood too proud. Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one whom no one really knew.

As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no Kaddish may have been said. We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of each holy flame. We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives. We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance, and cruelty that grow despair. And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world. Blessed is God, in Whom no light is extinguished.
Rabbi Reuben Zellman