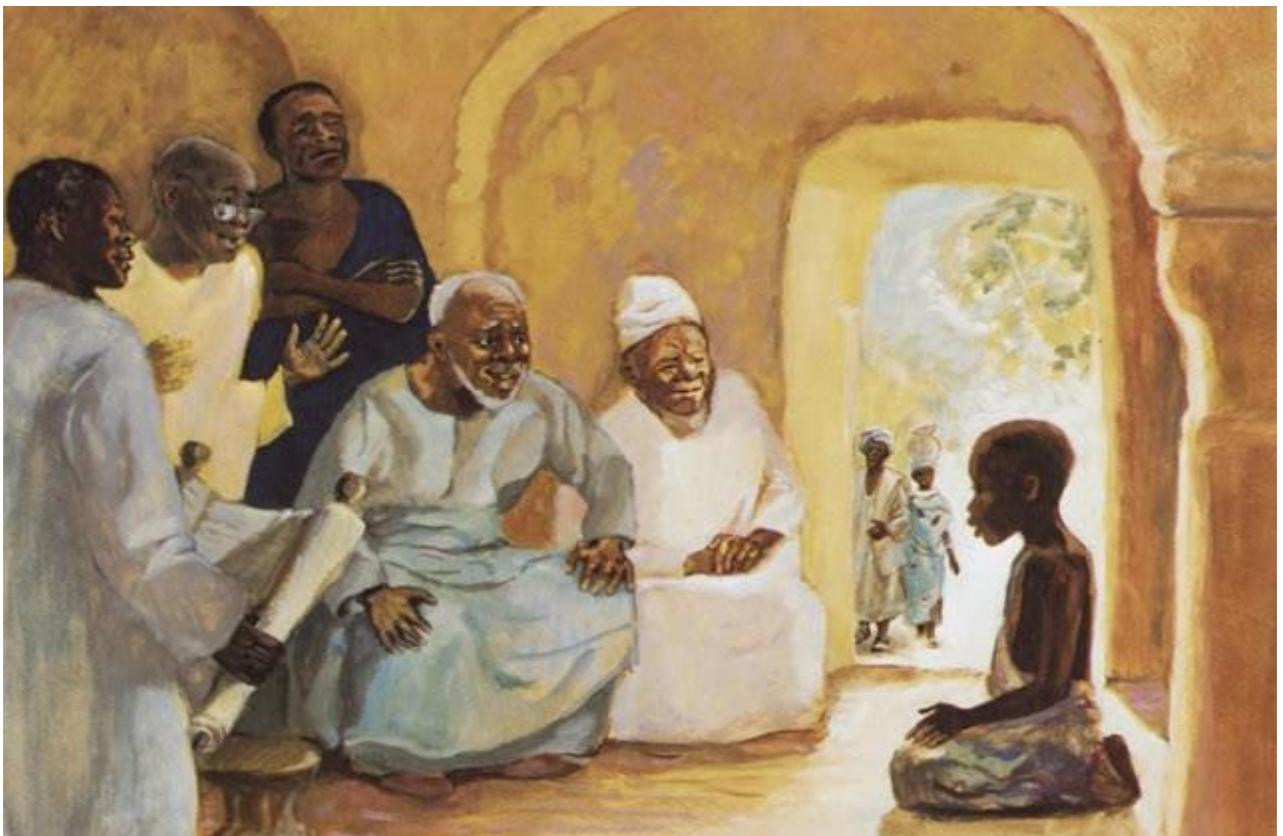




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September 13, 2020 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)
Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey,
Rev. Alcris Limongi, Huda Kandalajt Kanawati
Pianist: Debbie McGregor

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

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Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are. We welcome all to join us in worship!

We are glad you've joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship you will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages you in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding you with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience.

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Our Vision Statement:

“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”

Are You New To Parkdale? To be added to our email list, please send your email address to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com. To sign up for our monthly eNewsletter, visit our website

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship is the traditional, unceded, unsundered territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.

September 13, 2020

Order of Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...

Stewardship Thought: *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”*

Colossians 3: 12

Lighting our Worship Candle Dr. Bailey

Prelude Debbie McGregor

Welcome and Gathering Words Dr. Bailey

Silence

Call to Worship Dr. Bailey & Rev. Limongi

AB: Teach me your way, O Lord

AL: That I may walk in your truth;

AB: Unite my heart to revere your name.

AL: We give thanks to you with our whole heart,

AB: and we will glorify your name together forever. Amen

Hymn: **Tell me the stories of Jesus** **VU #357**

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**

**Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!**

And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.

Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

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Opening prayer:

Huda Kandalaft

Prayer of Confession:

All

We praise and worship you in word and song, O Lord, and we also confess our sins and the sins of the world before you. We confess that sometimes we did remain silent. In the face of injustice. Our desires and our behaviours pulled us away from your plan and your will. We ignored your call, we did not speak the truth in love; we did not build one another, but often put down those we love, found ways to hate and turn to superficial sustenance.

Hear us in the silence of our hearts; Hear us as we seek your mercy, compassion, and grace to lead us into new beginnings. For we ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher and leader, who grants us the assurance of a new life and new hope in you. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Dr. Bailey

Choral Response: *Halle, halle, halle*

(sing twice)

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet VU # 245

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

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Commissioning prayer: Dr. Bailey, Rev. Limongi and Huda Kandalaft

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Dr. Bailey

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 (VU# 871) Dr. Bailey & Rev. Limongi

AB: Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on High”

AL: Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights!

Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!

AB: Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights!

Praise God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven!

AL: Let all things praise the Holy One at whose command they were created, who established them for all time, setting bounds, which cannot be passed.

AB: Praise God from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and frost, gales that obey God's decree,

AL: all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earth-bound,

AB: sovereigns who rule earth and its people, all who govern and judge this world, young men and women alike, old people and children together!

AL: Let all things praise the name of God, the name above every other, whose splendour covers heaven and earth.

AB: You give strength to your people, songs of praise to your faithful, to Israel, the people dear to your heart.

Sung Blessing: Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

VU#37

Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 41-5 The Andrews Family (*recorded*)

Father: Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

Jesus: And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

Father: When the festival was ended and they started to return,

Jesus: the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem,

Father: but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey.

Mother: Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

Father: When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple,

Jesus: sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Father: When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him,

Mother: Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.”

Father: He said to them,

Jesus: Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Father: But they did not understand what he said to them.

Jesus: Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

Mother: His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Jesus: And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. Amen!

Blessings of the Backpacks/ Devices

Huda Kandalaft

Anthem: When we lift our packs and Go
When we lift our pack and go,
when we seek another country,
moving far from all we know,
when we long to journey free --

Refrain: God is in the other place,
God is in another's face,
in the faith we travel by,
God is in the other place.

Through the loneliness of night,
through the sky's uncharted spaces
not a sparrow falls in flight
but a loving God will care --

Refrain

Sons and daughters must depart,
friends will go on other journeys,
only constant is the heart
that can trust its God to be --

Refrain

In the hands outstretched to greet,
through the open doors of strangers
there is love we yet can meet
and believe that Christ is there --

Refrain

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Reflection: **“About our Father’s Business”** Huda Kandalaft

Silence

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Dr. Bailey

(We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of Parkdale’s ongoing ministry. Please continue. You are invited to take some time at home to write a cheque, or make a promise to go to the Parkdale Website: parkdaleunitedchurch.ca. You will see on the home page a button/link that says “Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org”. Click on that and make your offering)

Musical Reflection

Debbie McGregor

Dedication of the Offering

Dr. Bailey

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Limongi

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and let us not fall
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

**AND WE GO FORTH TRUSTING GOD TO HELP US
BEAR WITNESS TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

Hymn: **Walk with me** **VU # 649**

**Refrain: Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

**When Moses heard the call of God
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
But God told Moses, 'You're the one
to set my people free.' R**

**Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock. R**

**Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door. R**

**And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confidential Phone Counselling – by Dr. Bailey. Contact information: abailey@trytel.com; 613 728-8656 x 222

Continuing in Prayer and Support:

In these times, as in all times, we are trusting God to grant us wisdom, mercy and faith. As a community of faith and followers of Jesus we are reminded of the numerous times the Bible counsels us not to ‘be afraid’. Normally, this exhortation is accompanied by God’s promise to be with us. God being with us inspires and empowers us to be ‘with’ each other. We do this by praying for one another and reaching out by phone, facetime, Facebook, email, WhatsApp...you name it. Let’s just stay connected. We send love and wish everyone comfort and good health, and look forward to hearing from you. May God bless us all.

LUNCHTIME BIBLICAL REFLECTION ON THE PANDEMIC (NOON TILL ONE O’CLOCK)

I am inviting all who are interested to join me for a time of reflection on how Biblical texts, wisdom, and faith can help us explore the Pandemic experience. Both in the Bible and throughout human history, times of devastating loss, widespread grief and disasters have challenged the human family to make sense of these events. This will be an opportunity to explore some biblical texts, historical events, our present Pandemic moment and how our understanding of God and the teachings of Jesus can be essential resources of blessing, comfort and engagement.

These sessions will be held on Tuesdays (noon to 1:00 pm.) via a zoom platform, starting on September 15.

Please indicate your interest by registering through an email to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com.

[Zoom address info will be emailed to those who register.](#)

Please note that the sessions are held on Tuesday and not Wednesday as indicated in the E-newsletter.

PRAYER REQUESTS INBOX Please feel free to send your prayer requests to alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.

Children, Youth, Young Adults and IGNITE

Contact: Huda at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

September Sunday school and gatherings

Sunday school @ 10am

- **Today, September 13: Rally Sunday**, we will have a special blessing of the backpacks and devices.

September 20: Sunday school, youth groups, and activities will resume.

IGNITE group meets every other Monday (next gathering: September 21, see below for details)

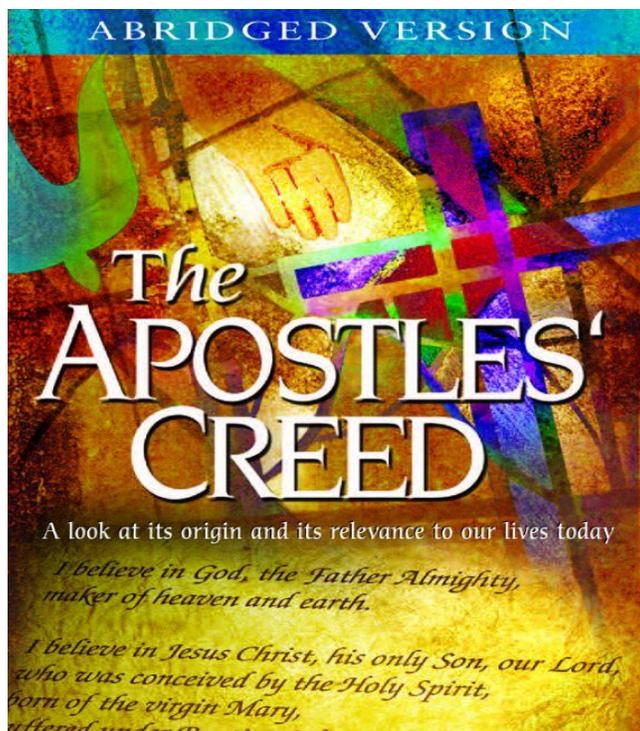
Rally Sunday!



IGNITE!

Have you asked yourself questions about key issues of faith such as who is God? Why did Jesus come to earth? What does Holy Catholic Church mean? Then you are welcome to join us on Mondays as we study The Apostles Creed. We will look at the origins of the church's creed and its relevance to our lives and faith today.

IGNITE group meets every other Monday. Join us on the 21th of September as we begin studying *The Apostles Creed*. All young adults are welcome to join our online meetings. Please send an email to huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca to register.



Images & Stories opens its 10th Season with a ZOOM presentation by Peter Tilley, CEO of The Ottawa Mission for Men. In these times of the Covid-19 pandemic with people in need of food and shelter, he asks the question "**Who is My Neighbour**". He approaches the question from the concept of Luke 10:25-37 - The Good Samaritan. He says "Here at the Ottawa Mission, we never really know who our neighbours are - as in the people who come in under our roof. Our guests come from all manner of backgrounds, with any number of issues that have brought them to this point in their lives. But, like the Good Samaritan, we tend to them accordingly, without judgment and with grace, heal what ails them, and prepare them to go along on their way". Join us for an interesting hour from 7:00 - 8:00pm on **Friday, September 25** for this interesting talk.

Please indicate your interest by registering through an email to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com.

Instructions to join the ZOOM presentation will be sent to you at a later date.

Changes to Our Weekly Schedule

Following the guidelines of the United Church of Canada and the decision of our Council there will be no services at the church for some time yet, depending on when plans are approved. We are streaming the Sunday morning services over the internet. Services can be accessed on the church web site www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca. A worship bulletin is available by email for your use at home on Sunday mornings.

Offering

As we continue with our ministries, and indeed as requests for help are increasing, we depend on donations from our congregation. We hope that you will continue to provide your offerings, even though we are not in church. We can suggest three ways of doing that:

1. A donation through Canada Helps, indicating that the donation is to go to Parkdale United Church - Ottawa
 - Go to our website: parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.
 - on the home page is a button/link that says “Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org”
 - click on this button and it will take you directly to the form to donate to our church
2. A cheque sent by mail (429 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa, K1Y 1H3)
3. Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Givings can also be made directly through your bank account or credit card using Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Monthly givings are deducted automatically from your bank account or charged to your credit card. Using PAR ensures steady, predictable revenue to support the church **Ministries**. PAR forms and information can be printed from the church website (parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

We thank all of you who have donated already via any of these methods and welcome your continuing support. Your numerous responses via CanadaHelps and PAR, and mailed in envelopes in the past week have been very encouraging.

IN THIS TIME OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC LET US BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER (Romans 12:12). We continue to pray for our world and one another... “... the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning’s too deep for words.” (Romans 8: 6)

- We pray for safety for the kids and teachers as they go back to school; for parents and School Boards, car poolers, staff and for all involved in our children’s education system, for those negotiating and

those allocating resources and designing policies. For kids and parents who will be doing homeschooling.

- For victims of hatred and violence, natural disasters, political persecution, famine, and lack of resources to face this Pandemic.
- For our federal and provincial governments to make wise decisions on behalf of the people.
- For frontline workers in health and service areas.
- For our congregation, and the Body of Christ in the world, so we may be ready to support and walk in solidarity with those facing systemic injustice and personal prejudices.
- For all infected with COVID19, for their families and for those most vulnerable and exposed to the virus.
- For all suffering from other physical and mental health conditions and illnesses; especially for cancer patients and survivors in our midst.
- For our congregation and our families. For those of us who are in hospital, who are in treatment, who are feeling the impact of social isolation, who are looking for a new place, who are in need of assistance or are looking for a job, for those who are grieving and those whose families are expanding.
- For our elderly saints in long-term care homes
- For all those in the most vulnerable situation in societies: no housing, even more limited resources, no access to services, no spaces for community, mental conditions.
- For social workers, nonprofit organizations and government instances that work to support those in the gaps of society.

Loving God we know you hear our prayers, so we give thanks!



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE
ON THE PHONE FOR THOSE WITH NO INTERNET –
SPREAD THE WORD**

If you know of people who cannot watch the services online, please let them know that they can call 343 882 1920 and enter 343 882 4663# on Sundays at 10:30 am to listen to the service. (Note: the line is open at 10:30 am not before - if you need more info, ask Alcris)

PRAYER BUDDY. If you would like to join someone to pray with on a regular basis, we would be delighted to find a prayer buddy for you. You two together will decide how and when to pray.

PARKDALE BUDDIES. In this time of social isolation it is so important to have someone to check with on a regular basis. If you would like to have a buddy, let us know.

EARS ARE OPEN. It is normal that this new reality starts to impact our mental/emotional health. If you are feeling troubled, need to talk with someone, or in need of prayers, we are here for you. Please send Alcris an email or call the office for us to call you right back. We can meet on Skype, Zoom, phone or have an email chat. You are not alone, we are all together in this!

SMALL GROUPS ON ZOOM IN SEPTEMBER

Please email Alcris for zoom links.

LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY -Chapter 11 will continue on Friday 18th at 3:00 pm.

Coffee Klatch Tuesday 29th at 3:00 pm. Now on the last Tuesday of each month.

Our Prayer Shawl Group returning on Wednesday 23 at 10:00 am on Zoom. All are welcome.

Our Prayer Group on Wednesday 16 at 10:00 am on Zoom/phone.

Caring for the Caregivers on Friday 18 at 6:30 pm. A Zoom support group: conversation, exercises, speakers and prayers.

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism on **Wednesday 23 at 7:00 pm** (6 sessions). An anti-racism reflection Group based on this book (there are still some available for purchase in the office or buy it online). (Anthony and Alcris will be leading a Book Reflection group, holding its first session on Sept. 23).

Writing Group on Thursday 24th at 4:00 pm. This is an interest group for informal -not professional- writing. The purpose is to encourage each other to write their own projects, to share experiences, skills, and ideas about writing, and/or to be able to share some of your pieces. This is aimed to those who want to explore spiritual journaling, poetry, autobiography, short stories, prayers, etc. Please let Alcris know if you'd be interested alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.

SOME RECOMMENDED RESOURCES ON ANTI-RACISM

□ For a comprehensive list of denominational global, national and local anti-racism initiatives, denominational statement of beliefs, recommended resources and, in case you missed it, a link to watch the video from June 14 United Against Racism, hosted by the Black Clergy Network, go to <https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism>

□ Also the special issue The United Church of Canada E-ssentials Special Issue - June 16, 2020 featuring Indigenous Day of Prayer, Prayer Vigil for Korea and Anti-racism tools. Go to:

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200602-1042576?e=62343e4de7>

□ A daily devotional from the Center for Contemplation and Action, the daily devotional from Richard Rohr. <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-mhkithd-tllhjlyklh-jy/>

□ *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo | Michael Eric Dyson. Beacon Press. Published Jun 26, 2018. (Anthony and Alcris will be leading a Book Reflection group, holding its first session on Sept. 23).

COVID-19: MESSAGES FROM OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH: HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

To reduce the spread of germs including the flu and the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) we recommend that you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have just washed your hands with soap
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand
- If you are a return traveler (including travel to the United States of America) OR have MILD symptoms – you MUST **self-isolate**. Most people with MILD symptoms will recover at home with no issues. You are helping limit the spread of the virus by staying at home.

Social Distancing refers to creating physical distance between ourselves so that we can limit the spread of the virus. Social distancing by all is **IMPERATIVE** to limit transmission in the community, to protect vulnerable populations and outbreaks in institutions. We must ‘flatten the curve’ so we don’t see spikes in cases. This means slowing down transmission of the virus to lessen the number of cases in the community at the same time, so that our health system continues to work properly. Having a sharp increase of cases in a small timeframe will overload our healthcare resources and have more severe impacts on our community. Social distancing is important for everyone at this time, but especially important for our older adult community (55+). Do NOT gather in groups of more than 10 people.

- Practice social distancing.
- Social distancing does not mean emotional distancing. Check in with others by phone or other technology. Check in with yourself. It’s ok not to be ok. Please know that help is available, and we encourage you to reach out to Distress Centre of Ottawa to connect with someone at 613-238-3311 if needed.

Case Management and Privacy

- We have received many questions from people who feel they are at risk, including many people expressing concern about being in the same location as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who may have symptoms of COVID-19.

I would like to clarify a few points:

- Given the transmission of COVID-19, we are all at risk. Social distancing, proper hand hygiene, not touching your face and self-isolation (when directed) are the best ways to reduce your personal risk at this time.
- A close contact of a case of COVID-19, is someone who has lived with, provided care for, or spent longer periods of time with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Case and contact management is a role of public health to help identify who may have been in close contact with a confirmed case. Ottawa Public Health will contact you directly if you have been identified as a close contact.
- OPH works closely with each confirmed case of COVID-19 to create a list of close contacts that require follow-up. If you have been contacted by Ottawa Public Health, follow the advice provided to you by the nurse.

Fraud concerns

- I have been made aware that certain residents have received a phone call asking for credit card information from Ottawa Public Health (OPH). OPH (or any health unit) will not ask you for credit card information. Do not give your credit card information out if you receive a call or message similar to this. Fraudulent activity during a situation like this is deplorable. I encourage you to report it to Ottawa Police Services.

Gratitude

- Thank you to all residents of the City of Ottawa for your ongoing patience and cooperation. We are all in this together, and we need everyone to do their part- whether providing an essential service or staying inside – to be able to slow the

transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our community and protect our health system and loved ones who depend on it.

Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health