God is Faithful!

In time we will move from this... to this

May 2, 2021 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)
Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Rev. Alcris Limongi, Huda Kandalaft
Musician: Eleanor Creasey, Soloist: Alexandra Stockwell
Sound: Richard Hamley, Video: Danica Rogers
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 Jo-Anne McGuire 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, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.
CELEBRATING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH 1931-2021

(Former Congregations: Bethany Presbyterian Church and Rosemount Methodist Church)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP…

Stewardship Thought: “By God’s grace, the congregation of Parkdale United Church has been strengthened and blessed to steward and proclaim, the treasures and blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for 90 years.”

Lighting our Anniversary Worship Candle

Prelude: “Let Us Build a House”

Greetings and Congratulations

Sung Introit: “Ancient Words”

Anniversary Tribute from Mayor Jim Watson

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One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations. (*Psalm 90:1*)
Many: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

One: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (*Psalm 90:2*)
Many: You, O Lord, have been with us and for us for these ninety years!

One: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (*Psalm 46:1*)
Many: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

One: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (*Psalm 46:7, 11*)
Many: You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

One: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (*Lamentations 3:22, 23*)
Many: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

One: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (*Matthew 16:18*)
Many: You, O Lord, have built this congregation of Parkdale United in this neighbourhood and City, and generations have been blessed to serve You, and to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
One: Praise be to God!

Gathering Prayer

Rev. Bailey

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” VU#288

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
   there is no shadow of turning with thee;
   thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
   as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R


Anniversary Tribute from Kathleen Stephenson (video recorded)

Anniversary Litany of Confession Rev. Limongi, Huda Kandalaf

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the gracious work you have performed in this congregation and community over the past ninety years.

We are moved to give you thanks for your love and faithfulness; for when we called on your name, You have made your presence known to us.

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, as we lift our hands, our hearts, our minds and our lives in worship to you, we confess that we have at times failed to obey the call of Jesus.

In the stewarding of this ministry over the decades, we have at times not loved you and each other with our whole being;

We at times have failed to justly value the life of some people.

We have too often fallen short of embodying your welcome and delight, in all those made in your image.

Blessed by you with a beautiful Creation, we continue to damage the environment, other creatures, and the world you have given for all human and non-human inhabitants.
We have too often failed to recognize the connectedness of all things, and have brought pain through division and exclusion. In humility, O God, we call out to you for healing and reconciliation.

**Lord, forgive us.**

Lord, forgive us....

**We offer this prayer out of obedience; but even more, because of your incalculable grace and your abiding promise to forgive and restore those who call on you.**

On this, our anniversary Sunday, be pleased to set us free from all that holds us back, from faithfully bearing witness to your awesome love, grace, gospel and peace.

**Amen**

(silence)

Words assuring us of God’s Forgiveness  
Rev. Bailey

Choral Response:  
*Halle, Halle, Halle*

**Anniversary Story** from Rob Hilkes, Chair of Council  
(recorded)

Time with Children and Youth  
Huda Kandalaft

Children’s Choir:  
*“Bwana Asifiwe”*  
(recorded)

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

First Lesson:  
Acts 8: 26-40  
Emily Menzies (recorded)

Responsive Lesson: Psalm 22:25-31  
Rev. Limongi/Huda Kandalaft

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
Many: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!
One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Many: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

One: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Many: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

One: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

\[\textit{Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis deo} \]
\[\textit{Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia}\]


Senior Choir: \textit{Laudate Dominum} (Praise the Lord All Nations) (rec’d)

Message: “What is Preventing Us…?” Rev. Bailey

\textbf{WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS}

Anniversary Memory: “I have been involved at Parkdale since 1952 - almost 70 years. Recently found the order of service for Easter 1956, at which time I was confirmed. The order of service is one folded page long (8”x11”) yet covers both the morning service and the evening service as well as announcements/floral memorial tributes!!!” (Beth Gutsell)

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Rev. Bailey

\textit{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.}

Announcements Anthony/Alcris/Huda
Musical Reflection: “The Church’s One Foundation”  Eleanor Creasey
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*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings  Rev. Bailey

Anniversary Prayers of the People 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 WITH GOD TO CONTINUE TO SERVE
AND BEAR WITNESS

Anniversary Memory: “Congratulations to all at Parkdale Church on the 90th Anniversary. Parkdale has been the mainstay for my family since the beginning... My Father's family, also very active at Rosemount, were among the first parishioners at the new Parkdale United... (Mary Sproule)

*Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past  VU#806

1 O God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   our shelter from the stormy blast,
   and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3 Before the hills in order stood, 
or earth received its frame, 
from everlasting thou art God, 
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight 
are like an evening gone, 
short as the watch that ends the night 
before the rising sun.

5 Time like an ever-rolling stream 
soon bears us all away; 
we fly forgotten, as a dream 
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, 
our hope for years to come, 
be thou our guard while troubles last, 
and our eternal home.


Anniversary Memory: “Parkdale and I celebrate the same 90th anniversary, both born in 1931… Parkdale has always strengthened our community, beginning with the creation of Ottawa Neighbourhood Services in 1931, the Parkdale Orchestra in 1945, the Headstart school program in 1969, the Ottawa West Community Support Services in 1977 and In From the Cold in 2002. Our involvement in the community is a significant source of Parkdale’s strength and future growth. (Norm Tape)"

Anniversary Memory from Roxanne Akhtar (video recorded)

Blessing and Sending: Rev. Bailey

Musical Blessing: “Let Us O God Depart in Peace” Eleanor Creasey

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