



**P**ARKDALE  
UNITED CHURCH  
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**Sunday Worship Service**  
**September 17, 2023**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey**  
**Bev Buckingham**  
**Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton**

**Sound: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers**  
**Slides: Nicole Greaves**

**PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH**  
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*Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are – in person or online. 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 we will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages us in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding us with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience. With God, we long to be agents of justice, peace and hope.*

## **PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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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](mailto: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.*

# PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

September 17, 2023 - 10:30 am

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Stewardship Thought:** *Stewardship is not mostly about occasional acts of generosity. Stewardship is about seeing things differently, and doing what God's Spirit moves us to see and do, in the name of Jesus.*

\*Please stand as you are able

Prelude: "Petite Prelude"

Piano

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

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Lighting the Worship Candle

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Words of Greeting, Welcome, and the Life and Mission of the  
Congregation

Rev. Dr. Bailey, Bev Buckingham

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Bailey

It is the grace and welcome of God who calls us into this time of  
worship.

**As we worship this morning, our Scripture challenges us to  
reflect on what it really means to forgive.**

As Children of God, we want to know: How many times should we  
forgive?

**Jesus answers us saying; we should forgive again and again and  
again.**

But isn't this a tough ask?

**Well, yes it is; until we remember who God is and how God is.**

God asks: "How many times have I forgiven you?"

**Seventy times seven.**

God asks: "How many times have I shown love to you?"

**Seventy times seven.**

"And how many times has my grace been sufficient for you?"

**Seventy times seven.**

And so as Parkdalers, we join together to worship. Let us welcome  
the grace and strength and power of God that makes possible our  
ability to forgive.

\*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.**

**Refrain:**

**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**

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, Music: William M. Runyan, Public Domain*

**Call to Confession**

Bev Buckingham

Come now and let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart. It takes courage and truthfulness to recognize our wrongdoing. But we do not come in despair. We come trusting that God's faithfulness and blessing is greater than our unfaithfulness. Let us confess together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgiving and gracious God, we confess that we are not always good at forgiving. We confess that sometimes our words and our actions cause harm to others. We confess that too often we excuse ourselves for the hurt we cause others. Furthermore, at times we want others to pardon our wrongdoing, without attending to our own need to repent and ask forgiveness. May your Spirit of truth and grace come over each of us, so that our**

hearts and our wills would hunger for faithfulness. We acknowledge that we need your strength and the support of others, in order to experience the love and wisdom we need, to grow as the community of Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Silent Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Choral Response *"Halle, Halle, Halle"*

\*Hymn: **"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"** VU#357

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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!

5 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.

**TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Susan Mailer

Responsive Lesson: Psalm 114

Susan Mailer

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan that you turn back?

**O mountains that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18: 21-35

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Message: **The Grace and Challenge of Forgiveness** Dr. Bailey

**TO RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS**

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Offertory: *"Amazing Grace"*

Piano

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

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Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Dedication of the Offering

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Bev Buckingham

- 1 **There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.**
  
- 2 **There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.**
  
- 3 **There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.**
  
- 4 **Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?**
  
- 5 **For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**

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Blessing and Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Bailey

Postlude: *“Postludium”*

Organ  
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 17, 2023

**Confidential Phone Counselling – Contact information:**  
**Rev. Dr. Bailey - [abailey@trytel.com](mailto:abailey@trytel.com)**

**Reading Scripture:** If you would like to be a Scripture reader in worship, please contact Jo-Anne in the office with your name, email/telephone number. (613 728-8656; [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com))

**Baptism:** The next baptismal service will be held on October 8. Please contact the office if you are interested. Participation in a Baptismal Seminar is a prerequisite.

**Parkdale Book Club -** The Parkdale Book Club will meet today in the Ladies' Parlour, immediately following church. We will be discussing the book **Solito - a Memoir by Javier Zamoro.**

**Prayer Group** will resume every second week starting on Wednesday, September 20

**Prayer Shawl Group** will resume every second week starting on Wednesday, September 27

**IMAGES & STORIES** returns on **ZOOM, Sept. 29th @ 7PM**

You cannot miss Parkdale's own celebrity - Marianne Dos Santos - telling us about her experience on the famed TV show JEOPARDY. Yes, you read correctly. Marianne was a contestant on Jeopardy. To register to receive the Zoom link please e-mail [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com). We have your e-mail if you followed us last season. If you changed e-mail, please re-register.

**Norman Reid**, our Custodian, has decided to retire and his last date is October 23, 2023. We are seeking to fill a Full-time Custodian position that is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building and grounds. We wish to fill this position as soon as possible to allow training of the new individual. For more information and to apply send your resume to the church office at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com).



**Parkdale's Fall Rummage Sale** will be held on Saturday, September 30, from 9 to noon.

Donations are very welcome: Clothing, shoes, books, toys, puzzles, games, household items, electronics, sports gear, linen, gardening stuff, art work. All items must be clean and unbroken.

No furniture, exercise machines, textbooks, encyclopaedias, magazines, old heavy TVs, old computer monitors, car seats, or cribs, please. Goods must be delivered to the Memorial Hall before the end of the day, Thursday September 28.

This event requires a lot of volunteer help; if you can devote a few hours to set-up on Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29, and/or sales on Saturday, September 30, please contact Val Hum at [valerie.hum@rogers.com](mailto:valerie.hum@rogers.com). If you need help with pick-up of goods or need entry to the church, please call Jo-Anne at 613-728-8656 between 9-12 and 1-4 or email: [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com).

This is an important community event and its success depends on you! Please consider Parkdale's Rummage Sale as you do your Fall cleaning!

**Pastoral Care** - The Pastoral Care team would like to be able to offer programs that are of interest to you and fill a need in your lives – bereavement, grief, caring for self while caring for others, support and listening among others. We would like to know what your needs and wishes are so if you have ideas, please email Bev at [bev@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:bev@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) in the next week or two so that we can discuss them at our next Pastoral Care meeting.

## **An Invitation from Parkdale's Recruitment and Succession Planning Committee**

Many but probably not all those who worship together on Sunday mornings know that Parkdale is governed by a Church Council of Parkdale members. At this time of year, our small committee meets to discuss and plan ahead for the coming year. We are starting now, well in advance of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in February.

We know from talking with members of our Church Council that some members feel they have completed their term of office and others would consider a change of role on Council. There are many ways to be involved! Information including Terms of Reference for

Council and our committees is available on our Parkdale website.  
(<https://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/governance-service> )

What about you? Would you consider joining a committee or serving on Council? We would be pleased to talk with you. Write to me by email or leave contact information with Jo-Anne in the Office. A member of our Committee will be in touch!

Kathleen Stephenson

Recruitment and Succession Planning

[stephensonkathleen067@gmail.com](mailto:stephensonkathleen067@gmail.com)



**The Nursery** is staffed with sister Joan and a youth volunteer. Parents are welcome to use the nursery for their babies and toddlers every Sunday during the service.



**Sunday School:** we have one-room Sunday school today with Eleanor for ages 4-10 during the service. Next Sunday Sept. 24 is the first official Sunday of Sunday school classes. We invite Parents to come out after the time to Wonder with their children to register them for nursery, Sunday school and youth groups.



**Kids' Church** (for families with young children) is a time specially crafted for kids of pre-school and their siblings and families. It is on the following dates: **Sept. 30th, Nov. 25th, January 27th , and April 27th** from 5:00-6:30 PM. We begin with Children's worship in the small chapel, followed by a simple fellowship supper and games or crafts. Please register your family in the office if you would like to join and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.



**Junior Youth Group** (ages 10-12): Junior youth meet during the service every Sunday with their leaders in the friendship lounge.



**Senior Youth Group** (ages 12-17): will meet regularly every Sunday after the service for lunch and activities in the parlour. First meeting Oct.1<sup>st</sup>.



**Living Our Faith in the Digital Age:** a day retreat for youth and young adults on Saturday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am. Registration is free but needed by Sept. 15. Lunch included. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Nadim Nassar. Refer to the general poster of the weekend for more information.



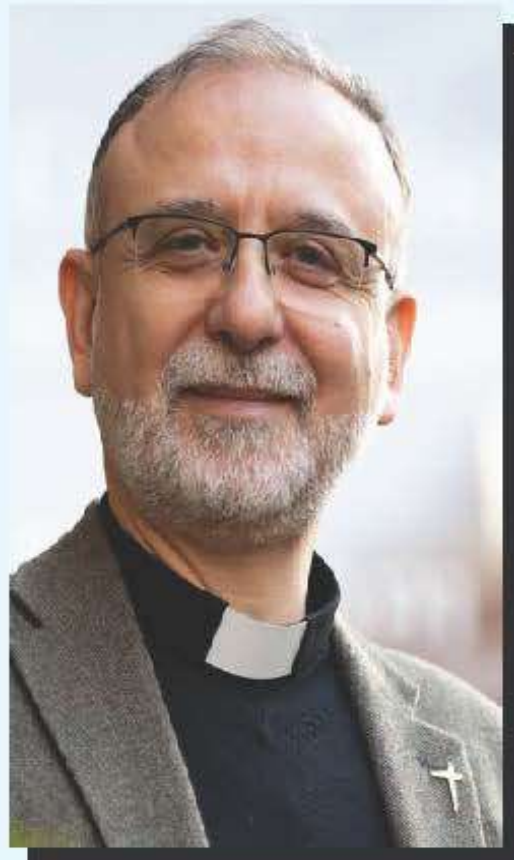
**College and Careers Luncheon:** this is luncheon for university age students. The first Lunch and gathering is on Sunday Oct. 15 @ 12:00 PM after the service in the Parlor. Please invite your friends. RSVP by Oct. 9  
[Huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:Huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)



**IGNITE:** is a gathering for young adults. Our first meeting is on Sept. 28 at 7:00 PM.



**The Junior Choir and Youth Band:** will meet under the direction of Mélanie, with guidance from Dr. Keith, our professional Music director. The Youth Choir (all ages welcome - elementary and high school) will rehearse on Sundays at 10 am in the parlour. On the Sundays that the Youth Choir sings during service, we will meet in the Sanctuary. The Youth Band will also rehearse on Sundays after the service for about 30 minutes in the Directors' office.



Parkdale United Church  
is pleased to welcome  
**Rev. Dr. Nadim Nassar**  
as our guest from the UK.

Father Nadim is the first Syrian  
Anglican Minister and the founder  
of the *Awareness Foundation*,  
an international humanitarian  
Christian charity which builds  
peace through education. He is  
also the author of two books:  
*The Culture of God* and *iJesus*.

Please join us to learn more about his ministry in the  
Middle East on the following occasions:

September 21: *The Situation of Christians in Syria*  
– a public lecture followed by a reception @ Parkdale  
United Church - 7pm

September 23: *Living Our Faith in the Digital Age*  
– an evening retreat @ Parkdale United Church with  
the youth and young adults - 5pm-8pm.  
**Free supper is provided.**

September 24: *The Culture of God*  
– preaching at Parkdale United Church - 10:30am  
view online at

[youtube.com/c/SermonsParkdaleUnitedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/SermonsParkdaleUnitedChurch)

For more details please call the Parkdale office at:  
613-728-8656 or email: [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com).

**All are welcome.**



# Godly Play Workshop

Adults & youth (14+)

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**Godly Play Trainer**  
Judson Bridgewater



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Worship session

Learn / ask about Godly Play & the spirituality of children

Saturday  
**30**  
September

12-2pm  
Kanata United Church  
33 Leacock Drive, Kanata  
RSVP: Janet at janet@kuc.ca

## Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality

*Connecting People on the Path of Faith and Learning*

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**All Saints Westboro Anglican  
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**Some courses on ZOOM (z)**

**When: Monday 7:30 –9:30 p.m.**

**Four 5-week sessions each year—  
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### 2023 fall courses

- Storytime: Using Quality Children's Books to teach the Seven Christian Virtues
- The Book of Ezekiel and Congregational Renewal (z)
- Science and Theology Part 1: The Galileo Affair (Z)
- History of the United Church of Canada (Z)
- Sacramental Voices: Spiritual Themes in Poetry and Song
- The Bible: Who is Missing from the Story (Z)