

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Easter 3

*Parkdale United Church*  
*94 years of faithful service*



**Worship Leaders**

**Bev Buckingham**

**Huda Kandalaft Kanawati**

**Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton**

**Guest Speaker**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling**

**Musical Guests**

**Parkdale Orchestra, John Kraus, dir.**

**Vocalist: Adrian Benjamin**

**Sound: Susan Bailey   Video: Grace & Sophia Kanawati**  
**Slides: Susan Mailer**

# Celebrating our Anniversary in the Season of Easter

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Thought for the week:** *Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of Death into the invincibility of Life.*

\*please stand as you are able

Prelude: *Excerpts from "Scheherazade"* Parkdale Orchestra  
*Rimsky-Korsakov, Public Domain*

Words of Welcome: Liz Harrison

Life and Mission of the Congregation: Liz Harrison

Lighting the Worship Candles:  
Joanna Hamley, Beth, Evelyn and Kayla Rodgers

Call to Worship: Bev Buckingham

\*Hymn: **Holy, Holy, Holy** VU#315  
Choir with Orchestra  
*Words: Reginald Heber ca. 1820 alt., Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861, Public Domain*

Prayers of Approach and Confession: Huda Kandalaft

*Silent Prayer*

Words of Forgiveness: Huda Kandalaft

Choral Response: **Halle, Halle, Halle**

Time to Wonder: Huda and Andrew

The Lord's Prayer

**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

\*Hymn: **This is God's Wondrous World** VU#296  
Choir with Orchestra

*Tune: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930 Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901, alt.,  
Public Domain*

*(children and youth leave for their programs)*

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

First Scripture Reading: Joshua 1: 6-9 Betty Hope-Gittens

Gospel Lesson: John 16: 5-14

The Gloria: ***Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*** VU#37  
***Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)***

*Type: Words and Music; First Line: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!, Language: Latin, Contributors: Jacques  
Berthier, Taizé, Tune: © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GLA Publications, Inc. Text: Luke 2:14; Taizé  
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Special Music: **"My Tribute"** Adrian Benjamin and Piano  
*CCLI Song #11218 - License #3140600  
Andrae Crouch © 1971 Bud John Songs Inc.*

Message: **"The Word Is Eternal – And It Matters!"**  
Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS**

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: Bev Buckingham

*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.)*

Offertory: **"Andante Semplice"** Organ  
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

*Ernest Tomlinson, Public Domain*

Doxology:

VU#541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:

Bev Buckingham

**AND WE GO OUT IN THE LIGHT OF GOD**

Prayers of the People:

Bev Buckingham

\*Hymn:

**The Church's One Foundation**

VU#331

Choir with Orchestra

*One License Song #46921 - License #A733294*

*Words: S J Stone 1866 adapt. L H Stookey 1983, Music: S S Wesely 1864, Adapt. Words © 1983 The United Methodist Publishing House*

Blessing and Sending Forth:

Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

Postlude:

*"Pines of Rome" IV: Pines of the Appian Way*

Parkdale Orchestra

*Ottorino Respighi, Public Domain*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 4, 2025**

**Red Dress Day**, celebrated annually on May 5th, is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and Two-Spirit People (2SLGBTQQIA+) in Canada. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing crisis of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and encourages action to address the root causes of this violence. Today in our courtyard we have again hung red dresses and set out tiny replicas for you to wear as well. We do this in remembrance and in solidarity.





## **MUSIC AT PARKDALE**

**PARKDALE ORCHESTRA** - concert on May 3

<https://www.parkdaleorchestra.ca/season-24-25>



**KIWANIS Ottawa West** featuring the Concert Docs and the Kiwanis Music Festival – concert at 7pm Saturday May 17

**CENTRALAIRES CONCERT BAND** - concert on May 31

<https://centralaires.org/#concerts>

## **Parkdale Family – We Want to Hear from You!**

As we search for a new coordinating minister, your voice matters. What do you hope for in our worship, outreach, and future leadership? Join a small focus group (5 or fewer) to share your thoughts. Contact us at [search@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:search@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) to take part. Your input will help guide the search committee!

## **Clean, Paint, Repair (CPR) Day!!! May 10, 9am to 2pm**

If you have a spare hour or two and are willing to help with a bit of cleaning, painting and repairing, please join us any time after 9 am on Saturday May 10 for a time of fun, fellowship and work! No special skills required! Tools and supplies will be provided. **Please contact the office if you can help – WE NEED YOU!**

## **Property Development – Congregational Meeting**

A short congregational meeting will be convened immediately after the service on May 25, during which a vote to discern support for our emerging vision will be held by secret ballot. This is an important vote, the results of which will provide direction to Parkdale for coming years, so please plan to attend.

The United Church of Canada by-laws require that voters must be participants in the meeting where the voting takes place. They vote under the guidance of the Spirit moving in the discussion during the meeting. This allows the Spirit to move in the way that happens when “two or more are gathered.” It often draws us in directions we did not expect. For this reason, proxy voting and voting by mail-in ballots are not permitted.

**Welcoming New Members:** Are you looking to know more about the United Church of Canada? Learn more about your faith? Are you interested in becoming a member of Parkdale? This could happen through transfer of membership, or by profession of faith after some conversations and learning. We would love to welcome you in this new way! Please speak to the ministers for more info. Rev. Natalie Matkovsky will be offering two seminar sessions for persons seeking join Parkdale as members on May 4th and May 18th at 9-10 AM before the church service in the Parlour. The celebration of receiving new members will take place during worship on June 8. Please reach out to Bev or Huda if you would like more information or have any questions.

**Our Theme for Summer Worship** this year is “**Singing our Faith**” and we want to incorporate as many of your favourite hymns as possible. Please send your top pick to Keith at [keith@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:keith@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) and from this list, the Worship Committee will choose the summer selections. Please have your choices to Keith before June 1st.



**Lunch and Learn: June 1<sup>st</sup> after the service.**

**Empathy 2.0: The Drama Triangle**

Strengthening your muscles in giving/receiving empathy is vital during these unsettling times. It's also key to breaking out of the Drama Triangle where there's plenty of role confusion and a lack of healthy boundaries. Join Susan Carlton and learn how to stay resilient and empowered amongst the dysfunctional drama. Please register with the office.



**The Nursery:** is staffed today. Parents are welcome to use it for their babies and toddlers.



**Christian Education & Faith Formation:**

for ages **4-18** is offered during the service every Sunday.

Please help us keep our records up to date.

Register online for Sunday school and youth

groups: <https://form.jotform.com/242651912769061>





**Confirmation class:** for youth ages 13+ will meet today after the service in the Friendship Lounge



**Summer Camp:** Buckle up for exciting destinations with the pup Scout at our Summer Camp **2025**. It will be on **Aug.18-22**. Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, we'll discover that God is always with us. **Road Trip VBS** is more than just fun — it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories! Registration is now open. Please visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/251195428673060>



Registration fees are CA\$ 75 per child, payable by e-transfer, cheques, or in the office. Bursaries are available. Please speak with Huda for information.



**In celebration of Christian Family Sunday and Mothers' Day**, the youth of Parkdale will be selling "Mums for Moms" and "Herbs for Mums" in support of mothers in Gaza. If you have not bought flowers for Mother's Day, you may want to consider supporting them. We invite you to encourage their initiative. Thank you.

## **Sundays in May at Parkdale**

**May 11th** - Intergenerational Service celebrating Christian Family/Mother's Day Sunday. Our morning service will include the Sacrament of Baptism.

**May 18th** - Our guest on this holiday weekend will be Rev. Ernie Cox

**May 25th** - Rob Hilkes will be our guest speaker and DaleSong will provide our music



## **The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling**

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Stirling is the Ambassador for the Canadian Bible Society. Prior to that appointment in 2022, he served as the Senior Minister of the historic Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church in Toronto from 1998 to 2021 and before that at Parkdale United Church, Ottawa and Woodlawn United in Dartmouth, N.S. Born in the UK, he received his education in England, Bermuda, Canada, and South Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Comparative African Government and Law from the University of Cape Town (South Africa), a Master of Divinity from the Atlantic School of Theology (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and a Doctor of Ministry in preaching from Acadia Divinity College (Wolfville, Nova Scotia).

In 2008 Wycliffe College (Toronto) recognized his contribution to preaching with an honorary Doctor of Divinity. In 2016 Dr. Stirling was appointed a Lifetime Fellow of Acadia Divinity College (Wolfville), and in 2020 Emmanuel College (Toronto), established a preaching award in his name. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity College and an Academic Visitor at Regent's Park College, Oxford. He has written over 65 articles and essays and has edited and written 3 books and has preached on 4 continents.

For fun, for the past 15 years, he has been an Indycar and Formula 1 Chaplain and loves sports cars. Along with his wife Marial he likes playing with his black Labrador Retriever, Oban, and is fanatical about Manchester United F.C.