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Intergenerational Worship Service

Sunday February 8, 2026

Thoughtful Pause: *Jesus himself, as the gospel story goes on to its dramatic conclusion, lives out the same message of the Sermon on the Mount: he is the light of the world, he is the salt of the earth, he loves his enemies and gives his life for them, he is lifted up on a hill so that the world can see. — N. T. Wright*

As a community of Christ followers:

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. Parkdale United Church welcomes all. We support and celebrate diversity, inclusion and equity with regard to race, colour, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexuality, and level of ability.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude: Shine Jesus Shine Choir

Welcome & Honouring The Land Rev. Bob

Life & Ministry Huda & Rev. Bob

Christ Candle: Allegra R. and Constance Campbell-Reid

Prayer: All
Heavenly Father, as this candle burns, let my heart burn with love for You. Fill me with Your light and help me shine brightly in this world as a reflection of Your glory. Amen.

Silence

Call to Worship:

Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.

We gather, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;
trusting that God's peace and love are present here.

Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

We come to the light of the world rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.

***Opening Hymn: I Am The Light Of The World** VU#87

One License Song #59955 - License #A733294

Jim and Jean Strathdee

Prayers of Adoration: Isaac Andrews

Gracious God, God of mystery and God of mercy, ... *continues*

... This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Special Music: Just Like Salt Junior Choir

Prayer of Confession: Tianna B.-B. & Zack M.

Lord, you placed us... *continues*

...Forgive us, Jesus.

Kyrie Eleison (Kyrie Eleison)
Christe Eleison (Christe Eleison)
Kyrie Eleison (Kyrie Eleison)

Prayer of confession continues

...Forgive us, Jesus.

Kyrie Eleison (Kyrie Eleison)
Christe Eleison (Christe Eleison)
Kyrie Eleison (Kyrie Eleison)

Prayer of confession continues

Lord, you placed us ...*continues*

...So be it, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WE HEAR A KIND WORD ABOUT GOD'S LOVE
AND FORGIVENESS

The Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace:

Huda

Halle Halle Halle

Time To Wonder:

Moving in Spirit: Spirit of Life

VU#381 Choir

WE LISTEN TO A STORY FROM THE WORD OF GOD

Lectionary @Home: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1
Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, your mysteries surround and astound us each day. Send
your Holy Spirit to open the mysteries of Scripture for us so that our
understanding is refreshed and courage to follow Christ is renewed.
Amen.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Gloria

Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

VU#37

Anthem: Jesus Bids Us Shine Rose C & Eleanor Creasey

Dramatic Reflection: “Be & Do”

Liz Harrison & Wendy McHenry

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Poetic Reflection: Salt

Auréa

(inspired by Matthew 5:13, Mark 9:50, Luke 14:34-35)

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws.

Invitation to offering:

Rev. Bob

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

*We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of
Parkdale’s ongoing ministry*



Offertory: Gymnopédie No. 1

Piano

Dr. Keith

Erik Satie, Public Domain

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Dedication of the Offering:

Rev. Bob

Prayers of the People:

Kendra H and Rhonda John-Huggins

The Lord’s Prayer:

(spoken)

**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.

WE GO IN PEACE TO SERVE AND LOVE
THE LORD

***Hymn:** **Go Make A Difference** MV#209 Choir

Commissioning and Benediction: Huda Kandalaft

May our love be like salt

that makes life tasty and worthwhile.

May our Christian living be a light

to those who live in darkness.

May our Christian communities

be cities of light to be seen from afar

as signs that God lives and works in his people.

And may God bless you all for this mission:

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go now, and make a difference. Let the light of Christ shine
on all those who live around you.

With God's grace we go. Thanks be to God!

Postlude: My Lighthouse Piano Dr. Keith

CCLI Song # 7002032 - License #3140600

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Leading In Worship:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier

Huda Kandalaft

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Junior and Senior Choir

Rose C. and Eleanor Creasey

Moving in Spirit

Audio: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers

Slides: Bob Harrison

Greeters and Ushers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFT OPERATORS NEEDED

The new lift has now been installed and was blessed last Sunday, February 1, 2026. The call is now out for volunteers to be trained as "Lift Operators". A special call is out for "Lift Operators" available from 2:00 - 6:00 PM on a Saturday for "In From The Cold".

Please contact the office at pdale@trytel.com for more information.

Our Camino 2026

"Called to imagine...."

Where is God calling us this Lenten Season?



Sharing together in reflection and prayer

From Ash Wednesday, February 18th to Holy Saturday, April 5th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48AAAE22AAFBC43-62079158-camino>

Join us for our weekly **Lenten study** group using the book **Bless, Break, Share**, featuring inspiring devotions and prayers for each day of Lent, along with recipes from throughout the United Church. Register for our Wednesday mid-afternoon session in the Upper Room or the Wednesday evening online session through the main office. 10 copies have been ordered and are available for purchase through the office for \$14.00. The book is also available [online](#) as an e-book. Get your copy soon and be ready to start the journey with Bless, Break, Share with readings that start on February 18.

Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator

We are so excited to announce [Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator](#), a new six-part video series coming this Lent exploring food, faith, and the power of invitation, hosted by the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath. Stay tuned for episodes on the [Kitchen Conversations webpage](#) and The United Church of Canada [YouTube channel](#).

Lent begins this year on February 18th with Ash Wednesday and we are looking forward once again to having daily reflections on the lectionary readings by members of the congregation. The link will be in the bulletin soon to sign up for a day to share your thoughts on our scriptures.



Parkdale youth will be singing the National Anthem at an upcoming Ottawa 67s hockey game. If you want to show your support, the game is February 16 at 3 pm.



A Stitch in Time: The Palestine History Tapestry Exhibit

The **Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte** is hosting an exhibit of Palestinian tatreez embroidery from

February 14-April 19th. The exhibit is a collection of hand-stitched tatreez panels by Palestinian women in refugee camps that tells the history of Palestine from neolithic times to present. Members of the First United/Parkdale Focus on Palestine group helped financially support the exhibit and hope that others in our congregations and wider community will visit it to learn about and celebrate Palestinian art, culture and history. The museum is open 1pm-4pm Wed-Sun and admission is by donation. Vernissage Feb.14, 1-4pm. More information available at: <https://mvtm.ca/mvtm-event/a-stitch-in-time-the-palestine-history-tapestry/>