



PARKDALE
UNITED CHURCH
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Sunday, April 12, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Identity – Trusting Thomas

Faithful Pause: *“The Christian Faith, while wildly misrepresented in so much of [our] culture, is really about death and resurrection. It’s about how God continues to reach into the graves we dig for ourselves and pulls us out, giving us new life, in ways both dramatic and small.”* Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude: Let Us Break Bread Together Trumpet

Welcome & Honouring The Land Rev. Bob

Congregational Life and Ministry

Gathering Song: This Is the Day MV#122

Christ Candle: Confirmation Youth

Call To Worship: (based on Ps 133) Tristan Dos Santos

How very good and pleasant it is

When we live together in unity!

Like the blessing of anointing oil

may God's blessing upon us

spill over that we might know your presence.

As the dew falls on Hermon

and the mountains of Zion,

so may the grace of God

reveal truth and justice,

love and life for evermore.

Let us, with saints across the generations, worship the resurrected Lord.

Gathering Prayer Tianna Beaufort-Bradley and Sam Clark

Embracing God's Love (*Responsive*) Rev. Bob

Parkdale, Church, Friends, we seek to follow the resurrected one.

Yes, we've seen the holes and the clothes left behind. Yes, we've

heard the stories and believe. Yes, we still have questions and doubts.

And yes, God's love for us knows no bounds and calls us into an

identity that embraces a way of discipleship that shares this truth with the world.

We are loved by God. In our questioning and in our certainty, God's love for us knows no bounds. As we grow in faith, we deepen our relationship with God and our ministry as disciples of Jesus. You are loved. I am loved. Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Bob

Church, it's true that our identity ...*continues*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Confirmation and Membership

Bob: Siblings in Christ, we come now to celebrate the profession of faith of these young people. By baptism, we are made members of the church of Jesus Christ, and are adopted into the family and household of God.

When those who have been baptized as children have grown up and have been taught the essentials of Christian faith and duty, they come before the church to own for themselves the covenant of their baptism.

In this act they confess Jesus Christ openly as Saviour and Lord, that they may be confirmed by the Holy Spirit. Hear these Scriptures as they speak of the gift and power of Baptism and the Confirmation of faith by the Holy Spirit.

Huda: The Scriptures declare: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." Hear the words of Commission from the Risen Christ

Bev: "All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Bob: When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Huda

In the confirmation of faith, we respond with 'Yes' to God and we proclaim the grace and love and power of God to support us in our journey of faith together with others. We are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and commissioned to bear witness to the faith as we serve in the world that God so loves. All glory, praise, and honour be to God, now and forever.

Vows and Promises: (*Accompanied by the mentors*)

(Introduction of Confirmands and Mentors)

Youth:

Maxim Jerome Beaufort-Bradley
Natalia Stephens
Samuel Drew Bruce Clark
Tianna Alexis Beaufort-Bradley
Tristan Robert Lee Dos Santos
Zacharie Charles Morel

Mentors:

Liz Harrison
Camille Beaufort
Chris Tait
Paul Crabtree
Kathleen Stephenson
Faye Beaufort

Bob: *I ask you before God and this congregation, do you profess your faith in God our Creator, in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit our Teacher and Guide?*

R. I do

Huda: *Will you be faithful in continuing to worship with the people of God, in studying the Bible and in prayer?*

R. I will, God being my helper

Bev: *Will you continue to contribute to the life and work of the Church, supporting it with your gifts and sharing in its mission to the world?*

R. I will, God being my helper

Bob: *Will you endeavour each day by the grace of God, to respond to God's love, to serve God faithfully, to do God's will, as together we follow Jesus, live with respect in Creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil in the world that God so loves?*

R. I will, God being my helper

Congregational Commitment: (Responsive)

Huda

Having heard these candidates make their promises and profess their faith, let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

Maxim, Natalia, Samuel, Tiana, Tristan and Zacharie -
We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus our Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in God's work. Together, we will be a place where people come, grow, and serve.

Affirmation of Faith (UCC Creed)

Bob

We are not alone, we live in God's world

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating

who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new who works in us and others by the Spirit

We trust in God

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Covenant of the Confirmation Class Youth 2026

(Confirmands will come forward one by one in alphabetical order with their mentor. They will kneel and will be confirmed by the laying on of hands.)

Confirmation: Confirm, O Lord, this your servant __ [Maxim, Natalia, Samuel, Tiana, Tristan, Zacharie] __, by your Holy Spirit that they may continue to be yours forever. _ [Maxim, Natalia, Samuel, Tiana, Tristan, Zacharie] may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Amen

Presentation of Certificates and Gifts

Prayer for the Confirmands

Huda

Offertory: Because He Lives Trumpet

Doxology: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU#179
Choir

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R

Dedication Of The Offering (*Unison*) Bev

Loving God, you call us into an identity that is rooted in you.
That is an expression of your care for all your beloveds.
Ground us in this identity. Take these expressions of our
discipleship and use them to widen the circle of your grace in
our lives and in our neighbourhoods, so that we may be led
into a deeper understanding of what is possible through the
way, the truth, and the life of the one we follow, Jesus the
Christ.
Amen.

***Hymn:** We Meet You, O Christ VU#183 Choir

Sending Forth and Blessing Rev. Bob

Choral Response: Sent Out In Jesus' Name MV#212

Postlude: Down By The Riverside Trumpet

Leading In Worship:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier
Bev Buckingham
Huda Kandalajt
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Special Guest - Bill Mahar, trumpet

Audio: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers

Slides: Bob Harrison

Greeters and Ushers

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We're expanding our staff team to increase our communications ministry both within our congregation and in our community. If you or someone you know has communication skills, including applications, graphics, website, socials, design, post-production editing, and worship media, this could be for you. The position is 10 hours per week, including Sunday morning and flexible hours for the remainder of the time. For a copy of the position description and to submit your application, please contact the office. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 20, 2026. Anticipated start time is on or before May 1, 2026.



Sunday, April 19th Pastoral Care invites you to join them for a **Panel Discussion on End of Life Decision Making** following worship. Our guests will include a doctor, lawyer and funeral director. Questions about MAiD, Palliative Care Assistance, Celebrations of Life, Wills and Powers of Attorney will be addressed. Look for more information on the bulletin board and sign up with the office for what will be an informative discussion with Janet Lo, Andrew Douglas and Mark Darroch.

Camino 2026

Many thanks to those who submitted reflections for this year's Camino.



Smart Aging Spring Sessions

New course will be Monday mornings from 10am to noon, starting April 13 to June 8. To register, email the church office at pdale@trytel.com

Full information on the bulletin board

Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 25

Contributions must be dropped off at the church prior to Thursday, April 23. The event requires volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 with shifts between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., as well as during the sale itself on Saturday, followed by clean-up. If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours, please email Val at valerie.hum@rogers.com.

First Fridays' Games & Gym Night & your favorite Snacks!! Coming events are **May 1 and June 5**

What better way to spend the first Friday of every month! Whether you prefer to play a board game or pop in the gym for a basketball game, you are welcome to join us from 7:00- 9:00 PM. All ages (from 0-99 years). Bring a snack to share and your favorite game. Sign up in advance by contacting: huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



We would like to invite the congregation to bring their **rinsed, refundable** cans and bottles to the church. The funds raised will support Parkdale children and youth as they work toward building and planting vegetable beds to grow fresh food for the Parkdale Food Bank. Thank you for your support.



IGNITE's Harmony House Drive

IGNITE is putting together a drive to support Harmony House! Since 1986, Harmony House has been helping women and children flee domestic violence and live safely. We will be collecting new and unused items (see poster on bulletin board) for the cause.

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

The Sunday School Children will have regular classes. If you are visiting. Welcome! Please join the crowd as we leave to Sunday school after our “Time to Wonder”.

The Youth group are invited to remain in the sanctuary to attend worship.



The Junior Choir and Youth Band are welcoming new members. They meet Sundays with our directors Mélanie and Dr. Keith.

Want to join? Email Keith@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

The Junior Choir meets at **10:00 am** in the Upper Room. Please take note of their upcoming meeting times:

April 26, May 3, May 24, May 31, & June 14

May 10 & June 21 - Sing at service



Confirmation Class Celebration: is today Sunday April 12. Please join us for a time of refreshments, which will include cake after the service as we welcome our youth!



IGNITE MEETINGS are for young adults. Our next meeting is April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the upper room. All young adults are welcome!

VBS Parkdale Children Summer Camp: Aug. 17-21, 2026



"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Please register by **May 1st** to ensure your spot. The Cost per child is \$75 for the whole week. You may



send an e-transfer to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or pay in the church office.

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A national gathering for Youth, Young Adults, and their leaders, **August 12–15, 2026** at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON. To learn more and register please visit: collective-gathering.ca