



PARKDALE
UNITED CHURCH
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Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Identity – Pentecost

Faithful Pause: *“Bethlehem was God with us. Calvary was God for us. Pentecost is God in us.”* ~ Robert Baer

"Take a Faithful Pause: an invitation to step out of the rush and into a moment of quiet reflection. Short, heartfelt moments of faith, hope, and community from Parkdale United Church. No fancy production, no complicated theology. Just little spiritual coffee breaks. ☕"

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GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude: Veni, Sancte Spiritus VU#208 Organ Dr. Keith

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Welcome & Honouring The Land

Rev. Bob

Congregational Life and Ministry

Call To Worship:

Huda

Come out from the shadows
and into the light of morning.

**Come, empty and depleted,
to be filled with God's Spirit.**

Come, sober in sorrow,
and leave enlivened with joy.

**Come, expecting nothing,
but ready to be surprised.**

Above all, come, and know
that you are welcome here.

Christ Candle:

Ruth Foster and Pierre Barbeau

Gathering Song: Spirit Of The Living God

VU#376

Gathering Prayer

Huda

Embracing God's Love (*Responsive*)

Rev. Bob

That first Pentecost, the disciples were waiting. They didn't know what they were waiting for. Just that they were waiting and hoping that something spectacular was going to happen. Sometimes we get lost in the waiting. We get impatient. We focus on what we need and want. Sometimes the Spirit shows up, yet we don't like what it is calling us to do. It's too risky, too inconvenient; the plan is all laid out for us and there are still too many questions.

The Spirit gets in among us anyway and every way. She sits until we are ready to pay attention, and then she takes us on a tour that reminds us that in every place and every

time, God is present in us and through us expressed as love incarnate.

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Rev. Bob

Parkdale family, ...*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

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Rev. Bob

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to children the sacrament of baptism.

Presentation by Council

Alexandra Stockwell

Request for Baptism

Rev. Bob

What do you ask of God's church at Parkdale United for your child?

Parents: We ask that they be baptized into the faith and family of God's love.

Promises of Parents

Congregation to Parents: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Parents: I do, by the grace of God.

Congregation to Parents: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

Congregation to Parents: Will you care for them and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church, known here as Parkdale United?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of God Parents

Congregation to God Parents: Will you, as part of this child's extended family, give your support to them by sharing your faith, prayer, love, and witness?

Response: I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Congregation

Huda

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth, justice, and love.

The gospels testify that all people are invited to accept God, the God who has already accepted us. The challenge is always for us to accept that we are already accepted.

So, we, the members of God's Beloved Community, proclaim that same witness. Finnian, the same God who has claimed every person as a beloved child, also proclaims that you are a beloved child.

As Parkdale United Church, do you vow to support these people in their promises?

We do, with the help of God. We also promise to walk with Finnian on their spiritual journey.

On this holy adventure with God, we will celebrate our beloved kinship, live out God's vision for the world, and embody God's commonwealth of love as a community where people come, grow, and serve.

Baptismal Prayer

Rev. Bob

The Act of Baptism

Rev. Bob

Finnian Patricio Faria, ...*continues*

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Finnian, you are a beloved child of God, with whom God is well pleased. Amen!

Baptismal Candle, Certificate, Prayer Shawl and Gift Huda & Helen

***Hymn:**

Dance With The Spirit

Choir

ENGAGING THE STORY

Lectionary@Home:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-12; & John 20:19-23

First Reading: Acts 2:1-13 (NIV p.1692)

Taras Matkovsky

Anthem: Come, Holy Spirit

Choir

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Gospel Reading: John 20:9-13 (NIV p.1686)

Taras Matkovsky

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back ...*continues*

This is part of the Christian witness.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “God’s Eternal Dirty Hands” ~ Rev. Dr. Nadim Nassar

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

*Hymn:

Come, O Holy Spirit

MV#23

Prayers For Community

Rev. Bob

The Disciples’ Prayer

Rev. Bob

**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**

Sharing Our Gifts For Ministry

Offertory: Breathe On Me, Breath Of God Piano Dr. Keith

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU#54

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 The Offering (*Unison*)

Rev. Bob

As you gift your Spirit, O God, may our gifts return to you
in wisdom, in knowledge, in faith, and in healing. May we
always celebrate and share all the gifts you have entrusted
to us in the places where life takes us as we build a
community where people come, grow, and serve.

***Hymn:** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

AAHH#325

Choir

Sending Forth And Blessing

Rev. Bob

Choral Response: Go And Tell Mary And Martha AAHH#284

Choir

Postlude: Every Time I Feel The Spirit (*reprise*) Piano Dr. Keith

Leading In Worship:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier
Huda Kandalaft
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton
Senior Choir

Special Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Nadim Nassar

Audio: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers

Slides: Susan Mailer

Greeters and Ushers

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parkdale's Online Auction Is Now Live

The auction runs from Wednesday May 20th until June 4th at 7pm. There are 100 items to choose from. What will you want

to start bidding on? You don't have to sign up in order to view all items. Just use this link

<https://www.32auctions.com/ParkdaleSpringAuction2026> or scan the QR code. **Thanks for your support – it's a great fundraiser for the church!**



Clean, Paint, Repair (CPR) Day!!! May 30, 9am to 3pm

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 9am on Saturday May 30 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!**



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 after the baptism



The Youth Group: will meet in the Upper Room during the service after the baptism.



The Junior Choir welcomes new members. We meet Sundays at **10:00am** in the upper room. Please take note of the upcoming meeting times:

May 24, May 31, & June 14. We will sing at the Intergenerational service on June 21.

Parkdale Children Summer Camp: Aug. 17-21



We still have spots available and would appreciate you spreading the word to your neighbours. **Invite a friend.**

<https://forms.gle/TQsELr3XRHCZNiYr6>



ALL ARE WELCOME

*Vigil of Lament and
Witness for Palestine*



DROP IN FROM 1 PM TO 10 PM
PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24
IN FIRST UNITED CHURCH CHAPEL

A MEDITATIVE GATHERING, OF SILENCE, PRAYER,
READINGS AND MUSIC. ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE
FROM 347 RICHMOND RD.

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