



PARKDALE
UNITED CHURCH
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Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Dining with Outcasts
Communion

Grounding Words: *“We have described for you a mountain. We have shown you the path to the top. We call upon you to do the climbing.”*

~ Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

"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. ☕"

<https://youtu.be/OyWinZStLVM>

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Please note: announcement submissions for the bulletin must be made by Wednesday at the latest. Anything afterwards may result in there not being room to place them. Please keep announcements as short as possible.

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

*Please stand as you are able

*This morning, everything you will need to participate in worship will be projected.
The lyrics for all the congregational singing, the prayers we pray together, or the
words we say together will be projected or printed in **bold**.*

Prelude: Communion in G Organ Dr. Keith
Alexandre Guilmant 1865, Public Domain

Welcome & Honouring The Land Rev. Bob

Congregational Life and Ministry

Call To Worship: Huda

The feast is ready...

always.

The meal is set...

always.

The promise is offered...

always.

Your place is waiting for you...

always.

Come now to the place
where the kingdom's generosity abounds
and discover you are expected...

always.

Christ Candle: Barbara Hennessy

There is a lot wrong in the world. In many ways, you could say that our society has become sick, infected with greed, racism, and bigotry. In many ways, not much has changed since Jesus day.

Yet we relight this candle. Not because we're naïve or suffer from some romantic notion of religiosity, but because we believe that this light is a reminder of the great physician who has the ability to heal us of our every ill.

Gathering Song: Healer Of Our Every Ill VU#619 Choir

Gathering Prayer Huda

Embracing God's Love (*Responsive*)

Rev. Bob

In God's love we know that we are embraced as people who are wanted, valued, and affirmed. Even when we fall short of the kingdom, this love lifts us up and calls us to try again trusting in the presence of the Spirit in our lives and in our community.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

Rev. Bob

As you move around the sanctuary, as you're comfortable or as you connect with people online, we use the words...

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

Time To Wonder And The Disciples' Prayer

Huda

**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: Build A Longer Table** TLUS#22 Choir
(children and youth leave for their programs during the last verse)

ENGAGING THE STORY

Lectionary@Home: **Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33; Romans 4:13-25; & Matthew 9:9-13,18-26**

Focus Reading: Luke 5: 29-39(NIV p.1559)

Scott Andrews

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”

Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.”

He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, “The old is better.””

This is part of the Christian witness.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: It Is Good Choir

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Sermon: “Who’s Coming to Dinner?” Rev. Bob

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

***Hymn:** For The Healing Of The Nations VU#678 Choir

Sharing Our Gifts For Ministry Bev

Offertory: I Am The Bread Of Life

Organ 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*)

Bev

Generous God, whether we are feasting or fasting, there is enough. Enough to share with our neighbours in our communities and abroad. May we joyously share what we have brought this day alongside the unique gifts you have blessed us with as we continue to live into being a church where people come, grow, and serve. Amen.

***Hymn:**

For Everyone Born

TLUS#23

Choir

Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Bob: Look who is coming to dinner!

The outcasts and the outliers, the seekers and the skeptics.

Bev: Look who is pulling up a chair!

The tired and the treated-unfairly, the deeply loved and the beautifully complicated.

Huda: The religious gatekeepers asked, “Why do you eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And Jesus answered, “It’s the sick who need a doctor, not the healthy.”

We pull up our chairs today not because we are perfect, but because we are hungry. We come to a table where no one is barred, no one is judged, and everyone is fed.

Rev. Bob: The Spirit of Hospitality be with you.

And also with you.

Bev: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the one who welcomes us.

Huda: Let us give thanks to God, the Ultimate Host.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

Rev. Bob: It is right, and a good thing, to give you thanks, Holy One. You created a world of abundant tables—fields of grain and vineyards of joy. When we tried to build fences around your blessings, you sent Jesus to tear them down. He didn't hang out in palace ballrooms; he threw parties in the homes of the notoriously compromised. He sat with the scandalous, drank wine with the rule-breakers, and redefined holiness as radical hospitality.

Bev: And so, alongside all the misfits, saints, and unexpected dinner guests of history, we join our voices to say:

Holy, Holy, Holy God of hospitality.

Heaven and earth are full of your expansive love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes to dinner in the name of love!

Huda: On the night he was handed over by the systems of power, Jesus sat at a table with his friends—those who would deny him, doubt him, and desert him. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my body, broken for the wholeness of the world. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

Bev: After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant—the new wine poured into new wineskins. It is a grace that cannot be contained by old rules or rigid boundaries. Drink from it, all of you, and remember me.”

Rev. Bob: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ—not a prize for the righteous, but medicine for the healing of our souls.

Through this meal, make us into a new wineskin: flexible enough to hold your fresh joy, wide enough to welcome everyone, and bold enough to live out your radical love. Amen.

The Invitation

Rev. Bob

The Meal Is Served

Bev/Huda

Bread: The bread that feeds the hungriest soul.

Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn: Gift Of Finest Wheat

Choir

Cup: The cup for those who thirst for justice.

Thanks be to God!

A time of silence is held

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Bob

Faithful Host, you have fed us at the table where everyone belongs. Now, send us out into a world of closed doors and high fences. May we be people who throw open the doors, pull up extra chairs, and joyfully announce to the world:

"Look who is coming to dinner!" Amen.

***Sending Forth And Blessing**

Rev. Bob

Choral Response: Ameni

MV#219 Choir

Postlude: Old-Time Religion

Piano Dr. Keith

Leading In Worship:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier

Bev Buckingham

Huda Kandalaft

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Senior Choir

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Slides: Elise Mennie

Greeters and Ushers

Communion Team

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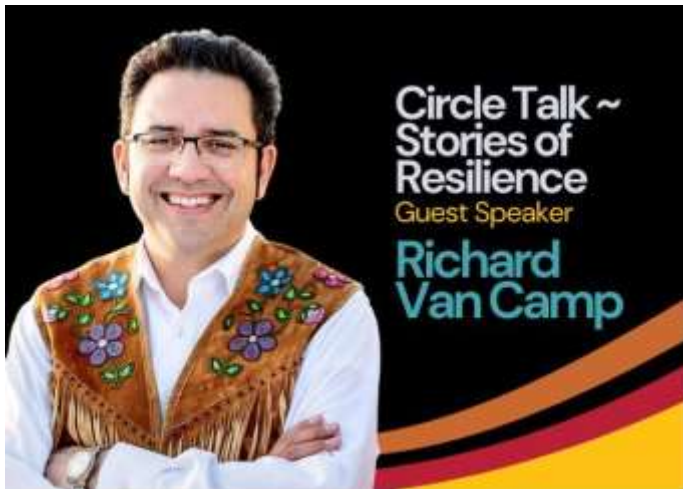
Online Auction Results & Pickup:

The online auction closed Thursday at 7pm with a flurry of last minute bids. Thank you to all who donated, bid, and won auction items! We are very delighted to report that the Auction raised \$4,438! Well done everyone!

Pickup of winning bids is this Sunday 12:30pm-2pm in the gym.
Judy Hamley, Auction Convenor with Helen Hayes, Linda Thompson, Marilyn Hahn & Richard Hamley

The Finance Committee is seeking a used iPad to use with a new tap payment system (for lunches, bazaar, rummage sale). If you have a good quality iPad that you no longer need, and would like to donate, please contact the church office.

Your **Pastoral Care Team** invites you to a Special Communion on Sunday, June 14 at 2pm in the Chapel. A “Friendship Tea” will follow in the Coffee Shop - a time for conversation and fellowship. Please register with the office, pdale@trytel.com, before Wednesday, June 10 so we know how much food to prepare.



Join us for the next Circle Talk on June 10 from 7-8:30 PM ET. Registration will soon be open on the C.A.R.E. website:

<https://www.careartistsforreconciliation.ca/>

Richard Van Camp, ONWT, author, storyteller, professor, film producer. Van Camp is an internationally renowned storyteller and best-selling Tłıchǫ Dene author, writer and professor. Van Camp is a prolific writer. As of 2023, he has written 27 books in as many years. He is perhaps best known for his 1996 debut novel *The Lesser Blessed*, which was adapted into a film of the same name by Anita Doron in 2012. Doing so made him the first Tłıchǫ person to ever publish a novel. He is well known for his short stories, of which five collections have been published. A particularly versatile writer, Van Camp has also authored comic books, baby books and children's books.

Faith Formation and Fellowship (and Food) — Do you find yourself craving conversations about faith? **Come join us in the Upper Room right after the service on June 14th** for a relaxed time of food, connection, and honest conversation about what it means to be a Christian — and what that looks like in each of our lives. Plan for about an hour and a half. (You will still have time to swim at Ellen's after!) If you want more info, please chat with Heather Clark or Chris Tait. Childcare provided. We hope to see you there!
For questions: cd.tait@rogers.com

Pool party!

You are invited to a pool party hosted by the Andrews on Sunday, June 14 starting at 1:00 pm. Contributions of snacks and drinks are welcome. 565 Foxview Place. Contact Ellen at ellenandrews@outlook.com if you have any questions.



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 **Time To Wonder**.



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



The Junior Choir welcomes new members. We meet Sundays at **10:00am** in the upper room. 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>

[Volunteers registration form:](https://forms.gle/TQsELr3XRHCZNiYr6)

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Gracefield Congregational Camp will be on **Sept.11-13**. Registration will open June 12. Deadline for registration is July 12. Please speak with Huda for more information.
huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



A national gathering for **Youth, Young Adults**, and their **leaders, August 12–15, 2026** at Brock University, St. Catharine's, ON. Please visit: collective-gathering.ca. Registration ends June 15. **Donations are welcome to sponsor a youth to attend.**