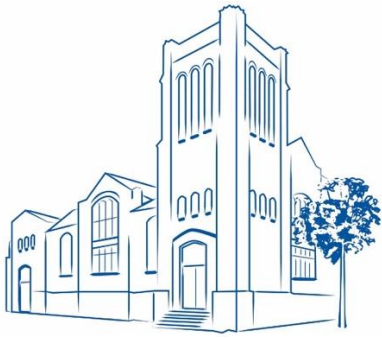




PARKDALE

UNITED CHURCH

COME • GROW • SERVE



Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Rocks and Blocks

Grounding with Words: *"I do not believe that we should criticize and judge other people. We're all God's children. We are who we are. I just think that we should be more loving, more caring. If you're gay, you're gay. If you're straight, you're straight and should be allowed to be who you are."*

~Dolly Parton

"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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJNWIkWPp40>

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: Jesus, Remember Me Piano – Dr. Keith

Welcome & Honouring The Land Rev. Bob

Congregational Life and Ministry Ministry Team

Call To Worship: (Responsive | Projected) Rev. Bob

Christ Candle: Rev. Bob

Gathering Song: When the Saints Go Marching In AAHH#595
Voices and Piano - Dr. Keith, Mélanie and Linda

Call to Prayer & Gathering Prayer (Projected) Huda

Embracing God's Love (Responsive | Projected) Rev. Bob

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** (Projected) Rev. Bob

Time to Wonder: Eleanor Creasey and Rose Creasey

(Children and Youth may leave for their programs)

***Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness** VU#288

ENGAGING THE STORY

**Lectionary@Home: Exodus 3 :1-15 ; Ps 105 ; Romans 12 :9-21 ; &
Matthew 16 :21-28**

Focus Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 (NIV p.1524) Rev. Bob

Anthem: How Great Thou Art Duet - Linda and Mélanie

Sermon:“The Art of Letting Go”Bev

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

*Hymn: Spirit Of God, Be Our BreathMV#150

Voices and Piano - Dr. Keith, Mélanie and Linda

Prayers For Community

Rev. Bob

The Disciples’ Prayer

(Translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz | Projected)

Sharing Our Gifts For Ministry

Rev. Bob

Offertory:Waltz

Violin and Harp - Édith and Auréa

*Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU#54

*Dedication Of The Offering (*Unison*)

Rev. Bob

*Hymn: My Love Colours Outside The LinesMV#138

Voices and Piano - Dr. Keith, Mélanie and Linda

Sacrament of Communion

Ministry Team

Words of Institution

Blessing the Bread and Cup

The Meal Is Served

Returning Thanks

Saying Farewell with Gratitude and Blessing

Laying On of Hands and Blessing

Congregational Responsive Song:Parkdale Reflections

Mélanie and Keith

Bev Buckingham, concept, words by Parkdale Community
Assembled by Mélanie and Keith Hartshorn-Walton, Used with permission

*Sending Forth And Blessing

Rev. Bob

Choral Postlude: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV#214

Leading In Worship:

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

Guest Vocals: Linda Falvy, soprano
Mélanie Hartshorn-Walton, mezzo-soprano
Guest Musicians: Édith Hartshorn-Walton, violin
Aurée Hartshorn-Walton, harp

Audio: Richard Hamley Projection/Streaming: Rebecca Fillier

Greeters and Ushers
Communion Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Men's Breakfast** will be at Fil's Diner, 1209 Wellington, at 8 am on Thursday September 3rd.



Sept. 14th to Nov. 9th 2026 – 1 to 3 pm

Parkdale United Church hosts

Smart Aging, a series of eight weekly, interactive workshops covering key topics facing seniors today. Designed to provide information you need, before you need it, to make smart decisions at key transition points in your life. Cost is \$69.00. Participants should plan to attend all 8 workshops. Anyone in the community is welcome to join.



For more information, contact Hugh Nelson, hughnelson@rogers.com. To register, contact Jo-Anne at pdale@trytel.com.



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



Movie & Popcorn: Sunday June 28 - Sept. 13

Children and youth will enjoy a movie and popcorn time in the Upper Room. If your child has not registered for Sunday school this year, please email

Huda to register and let us know if there are any allergies. Please pick up your children from the upper room after the service.

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry Staff:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier - *Coordinating Minister*

revbob@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca (available Monday-Thursday)

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Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton - *Music and Worship Arts Director*

keith@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca (available by appointment)

Rebecca Fillier - *Communications Manager*

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Church Staff:

Emile Malboeuf - *Caretaker & Custodian*

Contact the office (available Sunday - Monday and Wednesday - Friday)

Jo-Anne McGuire - *Office Manager*

pdale@trytel.com (available Monday - Friday)

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.

Summer Office Hours - July and August

9:00am to 1:00pm

Regular hours will begin on September 1

9:00am to 12:00noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm