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Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Rally Sunday Worship Service

September 6, 2026 11:00 AM

Thoughtful Pause: *"We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."*

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

"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. ☕"

[Faithful Pause | Living Water](#)

Prelude: Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Dr. Jazz Trio

Welcome

Huda

Life and Ministry of the Congregation

Rev. Bob & Huda

Lighting the Christ Candle

Zacharie M.

Honouring the Land: Moving Mysteries

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Call to worship:

Maxim and Tianna B.

Leader: We gather to Worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: One God, Amen.

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. And God called them good.

All: Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

Leader: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple, and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

All: Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Leader: Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

All: Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Leader: Come and let's gather at the river to worship God.

***Hymn:** Shall We Gather At The River

VU#710

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R

3 **Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. R**

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession:

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life.

Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new.

We offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy: the wild places, the bush, the mountains, the coast and the sea.

We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them.

(Adapted from Anglican Aotearoa NZ Prayer Book)

We praise you for giving us life through water. We especially praise you for the water which sustains us in this part of our common home.

(Pouring The Water)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us within the waters of our mothers' womb, you made us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave your people water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side.

On Baptism, you shower us again with the water of life.

You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy all who thirst and give us the life which only YOU can give.

(Adapted from All Creation Sings, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

But we lament that we have neglected this gift, and taken the waters for granted.

Creator God, God of the oceans, God of the land and all that is within it. You gave us these lands and oceans as a gift. You empowered us to be the guardians of what you have made and entrusted us to care for them.

Dieu d'amour, nous t'avons déçu et avons malmené le cadeau que tu nous as donné.

Nous t'avons offensé et avons dégradé ce que tu as créé.

Pardonne-nous d'avoir trahi ta confiance.

Pardonne-nous notre avidité et notre arrogance.

Pardonne-nous ce que nous avons fait.

Loving God, we have failed you and abused the gift you have given us.
We have offended you and defiled what you have made.

Forgive us for betraying your trust.

Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.

Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth.

Forgive us for what we have done to your oceans.

Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures.

Forgive us for what we have done to our neighbours.

This we ask in the name of the one who came that we may have life in abundance—your Son, the giver and the source of The Living Water, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Huda

Sung Response: Halle, Halle, Halle

Blessings of the Students

Maria K.

Dear God, thank you for new beginnings, a new academic year, new classes, new teachers, new learning, new challenges, and new friends. Help us to remember that you got our back, that we are surrounded by your love and by the care and prayers of the Parkdale community of faith. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our teacher and our friend.
Amen.

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers & Youth Leaders:

Liz Harrison & Eleanor Creasey

All: Dear God, you have made us after your own image of love and gave us all special gifts and talents. Like a body that has many parts, we are a community with many members.

We pray for our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders and those who serve by helping us grow in faith, to know you better, follow you closer, and love you dearer. We thank you for each one of them. We ask your blessing upon their life and their ministry.

Help us to support them, encourage them, and pray for them as

they lead and teach.

In the holy name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Children's Song: I've Got Peace Like A River

VU#577

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

WE LISTEN TO A STORY FROM THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65: 5-13

5 God our Savior, You answer us
with awesome and righteous deeds,

**the hope of all the ends of the Earth
and of the farthest seas,**

6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,

7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
**the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.**

8 The whole Earth is filled
with awe at your wonders;
**where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
**to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.**

10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

11 You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

13 The meadows are covered with flocks
**and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 47:9-12

Rev. Bob

Silent reflection

The Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39

Huda

Silent reflection

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sung Doxology:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.**

Message: “To Live With Respect In Creation”

Huda

Hymn: All Who Are Thirsty

MV#004

Verses 1,2,3,4

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.**

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

**Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.**

We sing

Refrain

1. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4X)

All who are thirsty

2. Come, Lord Jesus, come (3X)
Holy Spirit come.
3. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3X)
As deep cries come.

Invitation to Remember our Baptisms

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Bob

Offertory: Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Dr. Jazz Trio

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Bob

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. Accept the first fruits we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

(All Creation Sings, Augsburg Fortress, 2026)

Prayers of the People:

ALL

The Lord's prayer:

**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:** I The Lord of Sea and Sky

VU#509

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

Commissioning and Blessing:

Huda

Musical Blessing:

Down By The Riverside

Dr. Jazz Trio

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier

Huda Kandalaft

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Special Guests Musicians: Dr Jazz Trio

David Renaud, Clarinet

Craig Kennedy, Banjo

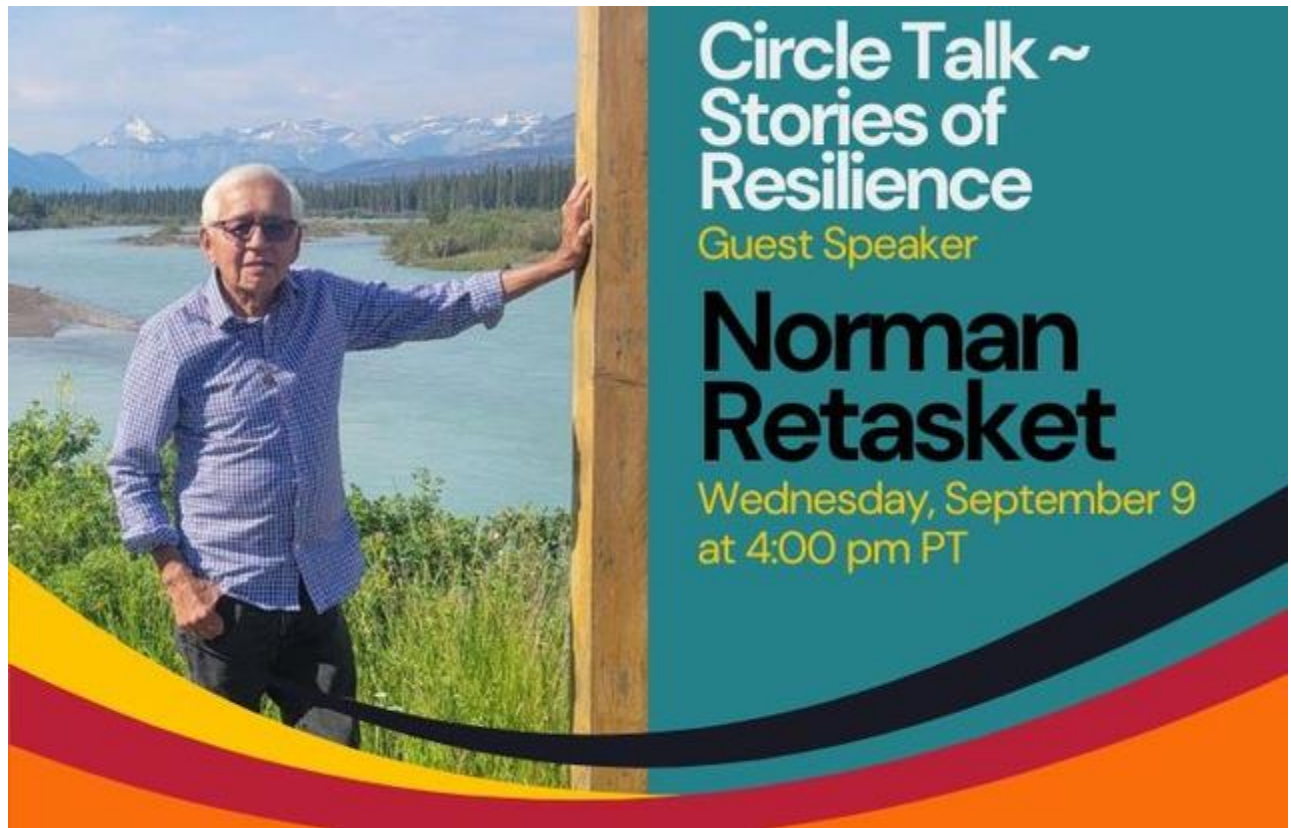
Keith Hartshorn-Walton, Sousaphone

Moving In Spirit

Sound: Richard Hamley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers at Parkdale - Your prayer requests are always welcome. Please send them to prayer-requests@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or you can use the prayer box in the sanctuary. If you want to be contacted, please leave your name and number. We want you to know that we are here for you and that we stand together under God's Grace.



A survivor of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Indian Residential School, Norman's life and work are intimately shaped by his experiences of trauma and resilience. For decades, he kept his past largely private, but the announcement of unmarked graves in 2021 ignited a powerful shift in his storytelling. At 82 years young, his art of drum-making honours survivors and raises awareness, notably dyeing drums orange to symbolize the Every Child Matters movement and marking them with the number 215, a poignant reminder of those lost. Norman is both an artist and an elder, sharing his narrative with candour and strength, helping deepen understanding and reconciliation across Canada and around the globe.

Norman recently joined the Red Cross as an Elder, where he is making a meaningful difference in the lives of others by sharing his teachings of healing through the drum.

Register here to attend:

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Race to End Homelessness

Sept. 27, 2026, from 9-11 AM

Pine View Golf Course 1471 Blair Road,
Ottawa ON, Canada

Turn your steps into solutions.

In a city as vibrant as Ottawa, no one should be without a safe, affordable place to call home, yet everyday individuals and families are pushed to the margins by a growing housing crisis. That's why the **Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa**, alongside its members and partners, is launching the **Race to End Homelessness**, a community-driven 10K, 5K, and 1K run/walk designed to educate, engage, and unite people around one shared goal: a future where everyone has a home. Every step shines a spotlight on the urgent need for safe, affordable housing and the real stories behind the statistics, offering participants a powerful experience of action, awareness, and community while becoming part of a meaningful solution. To register please visit: [Race to End Homelessness 2026 in Ottawa, ON | Rad Races](#)

Parkdale's Fall Rummage Sale is coming up - **Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, 9 am to 12 noon!** As you store all your summer things away, please consider donating items for our sale. Clothing, shoes, books, toys, puzzles, household items, linens, small electronics, and sports equipment are welcome! No baby equipment, large furniture items or old TVs please. We also need help with set-up on Thursday September 24 and Friday, September 25, as well as with sales and clean-up on Saturday. If you are able to help for even a couple of hours on those days, please let Val Hum know at valerie.hum@rogers.com. This event is a good fundraiser and a wonderful community event, as well as a great opportunity for fellowship and meeting new people, so come and join the fun!

Opportunities to Serve

Take a moment and think about your skills. Your interests. Your passions. How could you share them with Parkdale United and our neighbours through service? How about...

- Being part of the Tech Team – preparing projection, operating our tech for worship (Projection, Livestream, Audio)?
- Joining the Communications Committee and helping us share the story about our ministry with each other and the world?
- Sharing your voice in song with the adult choir or another music ministry opportunity?
- Becoming a leader with our First Third Ministry and spending time shaping our children and youth?

Curious about more information? Contact: Huda, Rebecca, or Rev. Bob. They love to talk about ways we can all share our time and talent. Stay tuned for more Opportunities to Serve.



Nursery: All children are invited to join us for worship in the Parkdale Park.



Sunday School: Sunday Sept. 13. is our last Sunday to enjoy a movie and popcorn time in the Upper Room. Sunday school registration will begin on the 20th.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO WISH TO JOIN OUR PROGRAMS NEED TO FILL A FORM BY SEPT.27.



Gracefield Congregational Camp will be on Sept.11-13.

Please speak with Huda for more information.
huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Upcoming Worship Experiences

September 13 – Gracefield Camp Sunday. If you aren't able to attend Gracefield Camp, don't worry. Worship will happen onsite and online at our usual time of 10:30 am. There might even be a special piece from Gracefield.

September 20 – Join us as we continue our Season of Creation theme with special guest preacher Rev. Dr. Teresa Ann Burnett-Cole, Coordinating Minister with Glebe-St. James United Church. (Our Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier will be with our siblings at Glebe-St. Jeams) It's also the start of our Sunday School Year. Make sure to register.

September 27 – Orange Shirt Sunday. We are all invited to wear something orange or an orange shirt from an Indigenous vendor to mark Orange Shirt Day 2026 on September 30. As part of our worship, we will pause to remember and reflect on why every child matters and needs to be remembered.

October 4 – World-Wide Communion Sunday and the conclusion of our Season of Creation focus. Moving In Spirit will present an embodied telling of scripture and Mervin Sol H. Toquero, Deputy General Secretary National Council of Churches in the Philippines will be our special guest preacher.