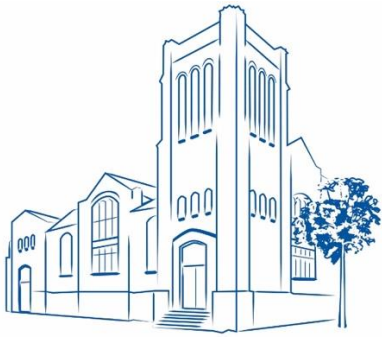




PARKDALE

UNITED CHURCH

COME • GROW • SERVE



Sunday, September 27, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Creation Time Part 4

Grounding Words: “Jesus was deconstructing before it had a hashtag.
‘You have heard it said, but I tell you...’”

~The Rev. Dr. Mark Sandlin

"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=kzK0DcETBz4>

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: Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Piano – Dr. Keith

African-American Spiritual, Public Domain

Welcome & Honouring The Land

Rev. Bob

Congregational Life and Ministry

Ministry Team

Call To Worship: (Responsive | Projected)

Huda

L: Our Guiding God your Word so strongly gives the lead

Many: Your Word made flesh and heard in righteous living

L: Our Patient God, your faithfulness is urgent

Many: Love expressed through justice cannot wait

L: Our God of Green and Growing; all authority is yours

Many: The God of human life – alive in all.

Commemorating National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Christ Candle:

Zacharie, Natalia and Tianna

Gathering Song: Like A Rock

MV#92

Choir

Call to Prayer & Gathering Prayer

Naomi and James

Embracing God's Love (Responsive | Projected)

Rev. Bob

Sharing the Peace of Christ: (Projected)

Rev. Bob

Time to Wonder:

All Collective Youth

Prayers For Community

All Collective Youth

The Disciples' Prayer (Unison | Projected)

***Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

VU#559

(Children and Youth may leave for their programs)

ENGAGING THE STORY

Lectionary@Home: **Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 78; Philippians 2 :1-13; & Matthew 21:23-32**

Focus Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 (NIV p.1438) Grace Kanawati

Anthem: With These Gifts Choir

Sermon: “...But I Want It Now!” Rev. Bob

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

***Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out MV#120 Choir

Minute for UCC Mission & Service Healing and Cultural Renewal
Elise Mennie

Sharing Our Gifts For Ministry Elise Mennie

Offertory: Many And Great, O God, Are Your Works
Organ – Dr. Keith

***Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**
VU#541

***Dedication Of The Offering** (Unison | Projected) Rev. Bob

***Hymn:** O God, Our Help In Ages Past VU#806 Choir

***Sending Forth And Blessing** Rev. Bob

Choral Blessing: Peace Be With You MV#215 Choir

Postlude: Star Of The County Down Piano – Dr. Keith

Leading In Worship:

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

Audio: Richard Hamley Projection & Streaming: Rebecca Fillier

Greeters and Ushers

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come together as a community on Parliament Hill on September 30th, 2026, at 12 PM EDT.

This special program seeks to honour Survivors, pay tribute to the children who never made it home from residential schools,

and deliver a safe and nurturing environment for reconciliation and healing.

This year's gathering will encompass powerful reflections from esteemed Elders and Survivors as well as moving performances by First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists.

The gathering will be broadcast live on all APTN channels and partnering Canadian broadcasters to reach as many viewers as possible. Tune in and join us on our collective journey towards reconciliation.

The **Men's Breakfast** will be at Fil's Diner, 1209 Wellington, at 8 am on Thursday, October 1st.



You are invited to the **Book Club** meeting on Sunday Oct 04, after the service, in the Friendship Lounge. We will be discussing **Do Not Say We Have Nothing** by *Madeleine Thien* --- A study of the cultural revolution in China and its ripples in Canada. You are most welcome to come and just follow the discussion even if you have not read the book.

Setting the Table for Thanksgiving



Help us help others, **Sunday Oct 11**, by decorating the front of the sanctuary with foods of the harvest for the Parkdale Food Bank.

Please bring your gifts of apples, pumpkins, squash, onions, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, bags of lentils and pasta, cans of

spaghetti sauce and soup and place them at the communion table. They will be delivered to the Food Bank on Tuesday morning.



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GLOBAL SOUTH PARTNERS



**WANDA SUE
MAVULULA**



**REV. HELDER
CARLOS**



**REV. SUSANNA
KIM**



**REV. LEE
DONGHWAN**



**October 6th
6-8pm**



429 Parkdale Ave, Ottawa

Parkdale United Church is pleased to invite Parkdalers and members of the wider community to an opportunity to meet and hear from visiting United Church of Canada LGBTQIA+ global partners from Mozambique and South Korea on October 6, 06.00 – 08.00pm ET, at our church.

We will also be welcoming members of various Ottawa queer and human rights community organizations.

The visiting partners – Rev. Lee Donghwan, Rev. Susanna Kim, Rev. Helder Carlos and Wanda Sue Mavulula, are leaders and advocates working at the intersections of faith, theology, human rights and LGBTQIA+ justice. They bring lived experience and theological insight from communities navigating different social, political and ecclesial realities, including religiously driven stigma and exclusion, criminalization, violence and shrinking civic space. Their stories remind us that justice is not the work of one nation or one church—it is a shared calling that transcends borders.

FOR ALL THE CAREGIVERS - In the past, caregivers from the church would meet virtually once a month to support each other, share their experiences, and pray together. The Pastoral Care Committee would like to re-introduce this meeting if there is a desire.

Are you interested in joining this group? It would be held every second Friday of the month from 7 to 8 pm via Zoom. We would start on October 9, 2026.

For more information and to register, please contact:

danielle.gougeon@sympatico.ca



3 DAYS LATER

WITH *Rev. Bob*

October 7th | 12PM-1PM

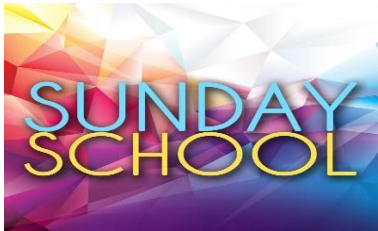
Join Rev. Bob in the upper room or online to delve a little deeper into the theme from Sunday.

PARKDALE FAMILY! The **Parkdale Profile and Search Committee** is calling us to gather for a congregational meeting following worship on **October 18, 2026**. This gathering is to receive the recommendation from the Profile and Search Committee regarding a 0.5FTE Cooperative Ministry Supervised Ministry Education (SME) Position.

Strategic Plan Update: Our Council has received the report from our consultant, Rev. Darren Roorda. Once we summarize the main findings the report will be shared with the congregation. Our plan is to ensure that all the members of Parkdale United have an opportunity to engage with the directional recommendations included in the report and that together we will then develop a ministry action plan for the future. We hope to meet as a congregation early this fall to discuss the report.



Nursery: is staffed today and all toddlers and babies are welcome! We kindly request that parents consider volunteering four times a year.



Sunday School: Welcome to all the children and youth. Please join your child briefly as they leave today to Sunday school to let us know if they have any allergies. You can pick up your child after



church from their classes once church is done.

ALL CHILDREN IN NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUPS WHO WISH TO JOIN OUR PROGRAMS NEED TO FILL A FORM BY TODAY SEPT. 27.

<https://form.jotform.com/262584797999286>



Senior Youths (Grade 9-12) Please join Ellen and James in the Upper Room today.

Junior Youths (Grade 6-8) Please join Camille and Heather in the Friendship lounge.



The Junior Choir and the Youth band welcome new members. Please join us. **The Junior Choir** will post their meeting times soon. Stay tuned. **The Youth Band:** will be accompanying DALESONG again this year. Rehearsals are on Saturdays Sept. 26, Oct. 17 from 2:30-3:30 and Sunday Oct 18 at 9h15

Do you play an instrument? Want to play an instrument? Let keith@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca know which instrument you will be playing, and which of the rehearsals you can make.



Kids' Church: is a time for young families with toddlers and young ones to have a simple worship followed by crafts time and potluck supper. Our next meeting is Saturday Nov.7 @ 5:00-7:00 PM. **Registration**

Required by Nov.1st. Please email Huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca. All are welcome.



IGNITE MEETINGS: please join our young adults' group on Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. All young adults are welcome!



Third Sundays of the month **Pizza, Games & Gym!**

What better way to spend a Sunday? Whether you prefer a board game in the upper room or a ball game in the gym, young families are welcome to join us from 12:30- 3:00 PM every third Sunday of the month. Bring your favorite board or card game. Oct.18, Nov.15, Dec.20, . **Registration is required by Oct. 11.** Please email about numbers and food allergies huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.



Our annual Young Families Halloween Party will take place on Oct. 30th with our signature Hide and Seek game, pumpkin carving and Pizza dinner @ 5:00 PM. RSVP by Oct. 11 to huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



Lunch and Learn Oct 4th : "How does a just peace for the Philippines relate to us?"

Please join us on Sunday October 4th after the service for a discussion over lunch with our guest preacher, Mervin Toquero of the National Council of Churches of the Philippines. Come and learn more about the human rights situation and efforts for just peace in that country.

We'll reflect together as members of the worldwide Christian church: what are the connections between our own daily lives in Ottawa and the conditions that oppress people in the Philippines? All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided, please donate towards it as you are able.



Voices of our Christian Sisters and Brothers in Palestine

Eye Witness with The Reverend Dr. Dorcas Gordon

Dorcas is the Principal Emeritus of Knox College, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with a long history of accompanying Palestinian Christians in their witness.

Between 2012 and 2019 Dorcas, with her husband Noel, led study tours based on the 2009 Kairos document. Since October 7, 2023 she has travelled three times to Palestine, and has just published a report and study guide for the Christian community.

Saturday October 3rd @ 3:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Ottawa

82 Kent Street (a 3-minute walk from Lyon O-Train station). Free parking available at the supreme court.

Upcoming Worship Experiences

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.

October 11 – Thanksgiving. Bring non-perishable food items to help show our gratitude as an expression of our faith.

October 18 – Intergenerational Worship focusing on the theme: The Quintet of Solas

October 26 – Celebrating Our Cultures and Reformation Sunday. A time of worship and food to celebrate the places and cultures that formed us and continue to mould our congregation.

A MOMENT FOR MISSION & SERVICE

United Church Support For Northern Indigenous Ministers

Our national church supports its Indigenous ministers in northern communities who carry huge burdens of caring, in contexts of continuing youth suicide crises and wildfires across the North. An annual retreat gives northern Indigenous ministers the opportunity for sharing circles, rest and cultural and spiritual healing. This is made possible by the United Church of Canada's *Mission and Service Fund*, through which congregations together support people in need across Canada and around the world. When you donate to Parkdale's Mission, Outreach and Justice (MOJ), your gift extends to United Church partners globally and across Canada, including Indigenous communities. Read more on the UCC's website [Mission and Service Stories](#)

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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Church Staff:

Emile Malboeuf - *Caretaker & Custodian*

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Submissions to the bulletin must be received **NO LATER** than Wednesday.