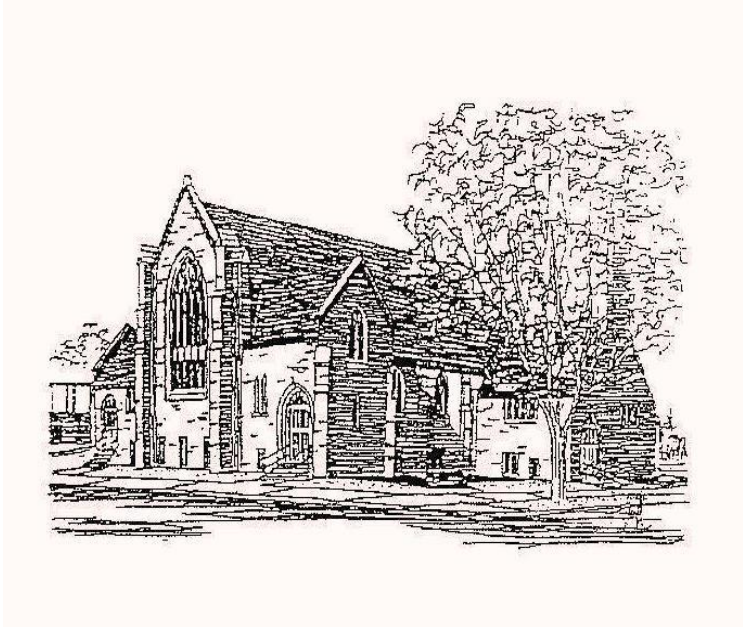


MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH
The House of Friendship



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10 a.m.

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July 16th, 2017
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you to Janice Craig and worship leader Christine Baayen who contributed to putting together today's service. Thank you to Sonya Guingona for leadership in the ministry of music.

(*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE &
CONGREGATION RESPOND IN **BOLD**)

MUSICAL PRELUDE

**WELCOME & CENTERING OURSELVES
IN THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP**

ILLUMINATING CHRIST'S LIGHT (together) *Song of Faith, 2006*

**We sing of the Creator,
who made humans to live and move
and have their being in God.**

(First Candle is lit)

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

(Second Candle is lit)

**We find God made known in Jesus of Nazareth,
and so we sing of God and Christ, the Holy one embodied.**

(Christ Candle is lit)

HONOURING THE LAND

As we gather together in this faith filled worshipping community, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our First Nations sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the mothers and fathers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we congregate as Mark Street United Church be sacred ground.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

Gracious God,

**who creates, sustains, and redeems all life,
we come seeking your presence and peace.**

We praise you for the joy of being your people.

**May your Spirit be with us and move within us,
in this time of worship.**

**Give us hearts that hear your word,
and minds that are open,
now and always. Amen.**

***HYMN: Creator God You Gave Us Life MV #27**

OPENING PRAYER

How great the love that God has lavished upon us,
that we should be called beloved children of God.

God is greater than our hearts and knows everything,
God listens to our every care and concern,
our every joy and praise,

God invites us to open our hearts and minds to the Spirit, the Spirit which blew forth on Pentecost, overflowing with love, like a gift, a gift of gifts beyond all knowing. Amen.

SHARING OUR STORIES (Children's Time)

JESUS PRAYER

PAUSE & PREPARE FOR SCRIPTURE (together)

Song of Faith, 2006

Scripture is our song for the journey, the living word
passed on from generation to generation
to guide and inspire,
that we might wrestle a holy revelation for our time and
place from the human experiences
and cultural assumptions of another era.

God calls us to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:10-13 O.T. page 686

***HYMN: Though I May Speak** VU #372

SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 8:1-12 O.T. page 856

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GIVING THANKS

***OFFERING SONG:** MV #191

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (In Unison)

**God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
til our thirst for justice has been satisfied,
and the hunger has gone from the earth. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

***HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651**

A BLESSING (Responsively)

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle and remember,

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God!

Parting Song: Tune VU#703 (Natalie Sleeth)

As we journey out together, sharing love and harmony,

Make us mindful of each other and God's community.

Knowing Christ our Friend and Savior,

as the Truth and as the Way,

teaches us to be a family as we leave this place today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honouring the Land

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory?

Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's apologies to the First People of North America. The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations – by repudiating

the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came. In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgement in its opening address.

Sunday Worship during long weekends of Summer 2017

August 6th: Emmanuel United Church, 10:30am
 East Sanctuary, 543 George Street
 Refreshments following service

September 3rd: Northminster United Church

Joint Choir at Emmanuel United Church on August 6th

There will be a joint choir to which all are welcome at the joint service taking place Sunday, August 6th. Pre-service choir rehearsal will take place at 9:30am in the Coronation Room (centre office door, lower left, turn left).

What's Happening this Week

Monday, July 17th – Friday, July 21st

Mainly Music Camp – All Rooms

Wednesday, July 19th

GA – Church Parlour 7:00pm

Saturday, July 22nd

Private Party – Friendship Hall 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Sunday, July 23rd

Ptbo Spirituality – Friendship Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Update from Temporary Council at Mark St United Church **(Doug, Bonnie, Bill, and Nancy)**

We're continuing to work on your behalf to find resources for you during this time. As your Temporary Council, we recognize that we don't have all the answers, and that all of us always have our own work to do around conflict resolution. To that end, our team has contacted Community Mediation Peterborough as a neutral support to help us take steps towards broader consultation with all members of Mark Street United. We want to make sure every has a chance to be heard about what matters to them. At this point we're just beginning to learn about Community Mediation Peterborough as a possible support, but we wanted to let you know.

In addition to mediations, they also facilitate listening circles, group dialogues, and conflict resolution training. They work with organizations on a "by-donation" basis to support their free work in neighbourhoods. Community Mediation is rooted in the principles of Restorative Justice and is based on the Transformative Mediation approach (Baruch-Bush & Folger, 1994; 2005) which focuses on relationships and transforming antagonism to goodwill. The two mediators/facilitators we're in discussion with both have experience working in faith-based contexts.

We will keep you posted as we learn more and meet with Presbytery to determine if this resource suits the particular conflict at Mark Street United Church. In the meantime, here is a link to information about this non-profit service:
www.facebook.com/CommunityMediationPtbo/

If you wish to contact us, please do so by emailing **temporarycouncil@gmail.com** or if you do not have email access, please see Jill or Natalie in the Church Office and they will help you get in touch with us.

Pastoral Care (Hospital Visits and Funerals)

| Week of | Contact |
|--------------------|---|
| July 3 – July 9 | Rev. Julie van Haaften (St. James) 705-742-2222 (work) 705-749-0254 (home) |
| July 10 – July 16 | Rev. Julie van Haaften (St. James) 705-742-2222 (work) 705-749-0254 (home) |
| July 17 – July 23 | Rev. Kevin Derry (Trinity) 705-874-8603 |
| July 24 – July 30 | Rev. Kevin Derry (Trinity) 705-874-8603 |
| July 31 – Aug. 13 | TBD |
| Aug. 14 – Aug. 20 | Rev. Jan Stobie (Retired) 705-340-9084 |
| Aug. 21 – Aug. 27 | Rev. Jan Stobie (Retired) 705-340-9084 |
| Aug. 28 – Sept. 3 | Rev. Bain Milroy (Retired) 705-295-4972 |
| Sept. 4 – Sept. 10 | Rev. Bain Milroy (Retired) 705-295-4972 |

Spiritual Care (Listeners)

Lyle Horn (Grace United Church) 705-742-5846

During August & September: Don MacLean

(Norwood United Church) 705-639-5216

submitted by Bonnie Davidson, Mark St Temporary Council