

MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH  
The House of Friendship



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10 a.m.

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**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Thank you to Pat Cole and worship leader Jim Boothby  
 who contributed to putting together today's service.  
 Thank you to Sonya Guingona for leadership in the ministry  
 of music.

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

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

*Let us take a moment of quiet reflection to centre ourselves for  
 worship and become more aware of God's presence among us.*

**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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

**We are greeted in peace and in love.**

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

**We worship in hope and with grace.**

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

**Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

We come to give thanks

**And to hear the Story again.**

Friends, let us worship God. Amen.

**\*HYMN:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU #232

## GATHERING PRAYER

**Creator God, in this time of worship we come and we pause; to rest from our work and responsibilities, from our play and from our distractions, from our fears and anxieties, to bring you our love and our praise.**

**Sometimes, O Holy One, it is easier to say sorry for the big mistakes of life than for the dozens of little ones we make daily; worrying rather than finding grace in the moment, those regrettable words of criticism, silence when words could make a difference, self doubt when you offer unlimited love and acceptance.**

**It is in the little things we are most likely to fail you and each other. Help us, Bless One, in the day to day moments of our lives, to be open, generous and mindful of who we are in you. Help us to bring the light of Christ to theirs, and to our own lives, as we pray.**

## **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:** Genesis 28: 10-19a

OT page 25

**\*HYMN:** Though I May Speak

VU #372

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT pages 14-15

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **REFLECTION**

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

### **GIVING THANKS**

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving  
In all the near and distant corners of the universe.

Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.  
 Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.  
 The offering will now be received.

**\*OFFERING SONG:** MV #191

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
 What can I say? What can I sing?  
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING** (In Unison)

**God of mercy and grace, out of your infinite creativity you  
 have given us life itself, Bless all that is entrusted to our  
 care, that we may, in sharing our gifts and faith, become  
 more and more like you in spirit and word and action; to  
 your glory. Amen.**

**SACRED SILENCE & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN:** Precious Lord Take My Hand

VU #670

**WORDS OF SENDING AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING** May the God of Hope

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our  
 lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light  
 and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with  
 all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear  
 Christ's call.

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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## 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>:** Emmanuel United Church, 10:30am  
 East Sanctuary, 543 George Street  
 Refreshments following service

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Northminster United Church

#### **Joint Choir at Emmanuel United Church on August 6<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a joint choir to which all are welcome at the joint service taking place Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. 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*

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Tai Chi – CEC 10:00am – 12:00pm

LLNWA – CEC Kitchen 12:00pm – 2:00pm

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

*(July 16, 2017)*

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/](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityMediationPtbo/)

If you wish to contact us, please do so by emailing [temporarycouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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)**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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*