

MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH  
The House of Friendship



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10 a.m.

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**JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

“God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge,  
 above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God  
 seeks relationship.”

- *A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada 2006*

Deep thanks to Janice Craig and worship leader Coralee Vass  
 who contributed to putting together today’s service. Thank you  
 to Sonya Guingona for leadership in the ministry of music.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Ernest and Marilyn  
 Raffan on the loss of their son.

(\* 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)**

*A 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**

God has called us to faithfulness: to witness to the power of God, to touch and change human lives.

God has shaped this church to be a home for the hungry heart where faith is formed.

Through the years God has nurtured you, the people of this church, to care for each other with open hearts and open hands.

Through the generations of your Good News we have called to respond to human needs and to be your church.

**\*HYMN:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

### **OPENING PRAYER (together)**

**Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,  
may your peace and love fall upon us,  
bringing growth and life.**

**Soak into our innermost being.**

**Quiet all that makes us anxious.**

**Help us to linger in your presence.**

**Be with us as we worship in this place today. Amen.**

## **SHARING OUR STORIES**

## JESUS PRAYER

### **PAUSE AND PREPARE FOR SCRIPTURE** *A Song of Faith. 2006* **(PLEASE RESPOND IN BOLD)**

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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Zechariah 9:9-12 O.T. page 884

**\*HYMN:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU #149

**GOSPEL READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 N.T. pages 165-166

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION:** Three Wooden Crosses

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### GIVING THANKS

**\*OFFERING SONG:** What can I do? 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 OUR OFFERING (Unison Prayer)**

**Because of your generous love, O God,  
 the earth gives of its bounty to us.**

**Accept this little in return, given with love,  
 given with hope,**

**given with deep desire,**

**that your way may take the place of the way of the world.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN:** We Are One VU #402

### **\*A 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.**

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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 Peoples 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 6<sup>th</sup>:** Emmanuel United Church

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

## *What's Happening this Week*

**Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Music Camp All Rooms 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

GA – Church Parlour 7:00pm

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **Update from the Music & Worship Team**

Thanks are due to many people who have helped to organize Mark Street Summer Services. Kristy McLaren has arranged pulpit supply for July, August, and September. Check out the list of our guest pulpit supply personnel and lay worship leaders posted on the Music & Worship Team bulletin board.

Thanks to Jane McClenaghan who has recruited greeters for the summer months and to all of you who have volunteered to provide a warm welcome on Sundays in Friendship Hall in July and August.

Be sure to come a little early to worship because Sharon Simpkins and the Outreach Team will be providing lemonade or coffee (depending on the weather!) just prior to the service for a time of meet and greet.

We are most grateful to Rev. Mir Kenniphaas and the good folks at Northminster United Church who have graciously volunteered to host the September 3<sup>rd</sup> joint service given that Rev. Patti Armstrong will still be on a leave of absence at that time. We want to be sure of a good turn out from Mark Street Congregation to show our appreciation, so please mark September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Northminster United Church on your calendar.

And finally, a great BIG thank you to Natalie and Jill who have calmly been holding it all together in the office

throughout this time of change and challenge. Their support is greatly appreciated.

*submitted by Ann Keys, Chair of Music & Worship Team*

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### **Update from Temporary Council at Mark St United Church**

The Temporary Council which consists of Bonnie Davidson, Doug Hagan, Bill Peacock and Nancy Wilson has met 3 times over the course of the past 3 weeks. Two of the meetings were consultations with the admin and property staff; Financial Treasurer, Carolyn Holmes; M&P Rep. Wendy Love and Ann Keys – Chair of Worship and Music (at the most recent meeting). In light of some of the discussions and to seek clarity and further understanding, some members of the Temporary Committee have familiarized themselves with the recent congregational review. The following have been identified as priorities.

**Worship:** Our discussions have been around identifying the priorities for the ministry over the summer. Many thanks to Ann Keys and the Music and Worship Committee for ensuring worship leadership for the summer. The long weekend in September (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be a joint service hosted at Northminster United Church.

**Finances:** We have the resignation of Treasurer Carolyn Holmes for the end of June so we are currently turning to her only for the most pressing questions and tasks around finance. Mark St United Church is in need of a Treasurer whose role as outlined in the Manual of the United Church of Canada is to:

- a. receive all funds for the ministry of the congregation from offerings and other sources;
- b. disburse these funds under the direction of the governing body;
- c. keep records of all receipts and disbursements; and
- d. report on the funds as required by the governing body or committee responsible.

**M&P:** Admin staff will be in the church office throughout the summer during regular hours; Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm. Natalie will provide coverage on Mon/Wed/Friday and Jill on Tues/Thurs.

There is only one person on the M&P Committee currently. It is essential that the Ministry and Personnel (M&P) have more people on this committee to support the health of the staff & congregation.

**Trustees:** Currently there is only 1 Trustee serving and the minimum is 3.

Follow-up meeting on **Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** with the Committee Chairs and/or representatives to understand what the committees are working on and how the structure of Council is set up.

### **Pastoral Care (Hospital Visits and Funerals)**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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) phone number to follow
Aug. 21 – Aug. 27	Rev. Jan Stobie (Retired) phone number to follow
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

Don MacLean (Norwood United Church) 705-639-5216

*submitted by Nancy Wilson, Mark St Temporary Council*