



PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

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October 11, 2020 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey,
Rev. Alcris Limongi, Huda Kandalajt Kanawati
Pianist: Eleanor Creasey

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Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are. We welcome all to join us in worship!

We are glad you've joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship you will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages you in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding you with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience.

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Our Vision Statement:

“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship is the traditional, unceded, unsundered territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.

October 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Sunday
Order of Worship
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...

Stewardship Thought: *"Our knowledge of God is perfected by gratitude: we are thankful and rejoice in the experience of the truth that He is love."*

Thomas Merton, *Thoughts on Solitude*

Lighting our Worship Candle

Dr. Bailey

Prelude Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (one verse only)

George G. Elvey, arranged by Brent Olstad

David Creasey, Trumpet and Eleanor Creasey, Piano

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Welcome and Gathering Words

Silence

Call to Worship

Huda Kandalaft /Rev. Bailey

One: Praise be to God who created the earth and gives us the harvest!

Many: God provides all that we need.

One: The flaming leaves of fall are like the fire of God's spirit.

Many: The bounty of the fields is like the fullness of God's love.

One: We are called to share the blessings of the land with the world.

Many: May we who have been blessed give thanks always, sharing from God's abundance.

One: In all the earth we recognize God's gifts. We thank you for the life and history of our country; for its vast beauty, its wilderness, and wealth of forest, mine, and sea.

Many: Lord of all, to you we raise this our worship of grateful praise.

One: Let us worship Together our God!

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalm 100:4

“You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.” Isaiah 9:3

Hymn: **O God of All the Many Lands**

VU# 523

**O God of all the many lands,
we lift our hearts in prayer,
for this our land of Canada,
a country wide and fair;
for mountain heights and northern lights,
for prairie, lake and sea,
for every blessing from your hand
bestowed so lavishly.**

**We thank you for the sacrifice
of venturers of old,
who dared to cross uncharted seas,
whose dreams made others bold;
for valiant souls and pioneers,
for all who served their age,
and left for us who follow on
a sacred heritage.**

**We thank you that from many lands
with varied gifts they came,
to pledge their love and loyalty
where scarlet maples flame.
May justice here belong to all,
and may our nation play
its rightful role in ushering in
the peace for which we pray.**

**May we be worthy of our land
and seek its highest good,
shaping a noble destiny
of truest nationhood.**

**May this fair land, our Canada,
your own dominion be;
your people bless abundantly
from seas to Arctic sea.**

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Call to Confession and Reconciliation

Rev. Bailey

Confessing Together

Dear God in a day in which as a country, as a congregation, as a family and individually we are coming to give you thanks for this beautiful, bountiful and generous land in which we live, we also want to confess that we have not always treated it with respect and reverent care. We confess that we have not been always as welcoming to others as we have been welcomed here. We confess that in an aching world going through a global pandemic- with many lacking resources, food, space, and services -in our abundance we get easily complacent about what we have and even take it for granted. We complain about small things that don't go our way or shutter our plans or comfort. Move us to thanksgiving O God. May we be thankful not only because of what we have, but because of whose we are; not only because of our present blessings, but because of your continuing providence and grace; not only because of this present moment, but because of the eternal life in you. Help us to express our thanksgiving not only in feasting, but in sharing; not only in passive enjoyment, but in active service; not only in annual observance, but in a daily attitude. In your mercy and in your love, we wait. In Jesus name. Amen.

Silence

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Bailey

Choral Response: *Halle, halle, halle*

(sing twice)

Thanksgiving Children Time

Huda Kandalajt

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

First Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

(Huda Kandalaft Kanawati – *Congregational Designated Minister for Youth and Families*)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65

Rev. Bailey / Rev. Alcris

One: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

Many: You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

One: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

Many: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

One: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

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

One: who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,

and the turmoil of the nations.

Many: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

One: 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.

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

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

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

One: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo

VU#37

Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.” Psalm 92:1-3

Anthem: **How Great Thou Art**

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. R**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R**

Swedish Folk Song "O Mighty God" arranged by Don Whitman

David Creasey, Trumpet and Eleanor Creasey, Piano

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

Kathleen Stephenson (recorded)

Message: **"And We Remember"**

Rev. Alcris Limongi

Silence

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Dr. Bailey

(We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of Parkdale's ongoing ministry. Please continue. You are invited to take some time at home to write a cheque, or make a promise to go to the Parkdale Website: parkdaleunitedchurch.ca. You will see on the home page a button/link that says "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org". Click on that and make your offering.)

Musical Reflection: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Eleanor Creasey

John Wyeth, arranged by Laurel Hunt Pederson Piano only

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Dedication of the Offering

Dr. Bailey

And now Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

*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*

**AND WE GO FORTH TRUSTING GOD TO HELP US
BEAR WITNESS TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30

Hymn *A hymn for Thanksgiving*
All of Life is Filled With Wonder

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.

For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.

For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter,
neighbors, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are
tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as
well.

For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones
found —

God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee") [\(MIDI\)](#)

Alternate tune: IN BABILONE, Traditional Dutch melody ("There's a Wideness in God's Mercy") [\(MIDI\)](#)

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Blessing and Sending Forth

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Postlude: **All Good Gifts** (recorded)

**We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine and soft, refreshing rain.**

**(Chorus) All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all His love.**

**We thank Thee then oh Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts!**

(chorus)

**I want to thank you, Lord, thank you for all of Your love.
Oh thank you, Lord. I want to thank you, Lord, thank you,
Lord. Amen**

A combined effort of choir and Dalesong members: featuring Rob Hilkes on lead vocals, with Elaine West, Alexandra Stockwell, Isaac and Scott Andrews also singing, with Isaac on electric guitar and Scott on bass, and Alexandra Golod on the piano.

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Continuing in Prayer and Support:

In these times, as in all times, we are trusting God to grant us wisdom, mercy and faith. As a community of faith and followers of Jesus we are reminded of the numerous times the Bible counsels us not to 'be afraid'. Normally, this exhortation is accompanied by God's promise to be with us. God being with us inspires and empowers us to be 'with' each other. We do this by praying for one another and reaching out by phone, facetime, Facebook, email, WhatsApp... you name it. Let's just stay connected. We send love and wish everyone comfort and good health, and look forward to hearing from you. May God bless us all.

LUNCHTIME BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON THE PANDEMIC (NOON TILL ONE O'CLOCK)

Still not too late to join. See the details below to join. We will continue this time of reflection on how Biblical texts, wisdom, and faith can help us explore the Pandemic experience. Both in the Bible and throughout human history, times of devastating loss, widespread grief and disasters have challenged the human family to make sense of these events. This will be an opportunity to explore some biblical texts, historical events, our present Pandemic moment and how our understanding of God and the teachings of Jesus can be essential resources of blessing, comfort and engagement.

These sessions are held on Tuesdays (noon to 1:00 pm.) via Zoom. If you are interested, please register by sending an email to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com. You will receive the Zoom link and passcode as well as the resource sheet. Anthony

PRAYER REQUESTS INBOX Please send your prayer requests to alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.

Children, Youth, Young adults

Contact: Huda at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



Thanksgiving Sunday

Zoom links will be emailed to all families. Contact Huda if you would like to join any of the meetings. Parents are invited to print out the children's Worship Bulletin every Sunday for their kids. It is emailed out from the office along with the worship bulletin. You will find activities that we hope to help as conversation starters about the Bible story.

Sunday school every Sunday - this Sunday Oct.11 @ 10am
continuing our study about the ***Parables of Jesus.***

Senior Youth group- every other Sunday- Oct.18 @ 8 pm.
Tough Questions is our study theme for this fall. Next Question is:
Is it Ok to be angry at God?

Junior Youth group- every other Wednesday Oct. 21 @ 8 pm.
Our theme next time is ***who am I?***

IGNITE group-every other Monday Oct. 19 @7 pm. Time for fellowship for young adults. We are studying ***The Apostles Creed.***
This week we will continue to explore: Who is Jesus? His suffering and crucifixion. All young adults are welcome to join our online meetings. Please send an email to huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca to join.

Colours and Giggles:



It's like a talent show in an e-newspaper, to help us all feel together even while we're apart.

Want to be published in the first issue of the Colours and Giggles? Send in your: short stories, poems, jokes, articles, book/story reviews, fun facts from the bible and Maps, advice columns, comics, word games, paintings, and drawings!

Colours and Giggles is open to all **kids and youth.** **Submit by Oct. 20** to huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Kids' Club



Let's meet friends. The last Saturday of every month. Next meeting is Oct.31 @ 3:00- 4:00 PM. Time for stories, simple crafts, singing and games together – for kids ages 2-7 and their families.

This time our theme will be Halloween so please come dressed up for the occasion. Send huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca an email to book your seats for the next adventures. We will email you a zoom link to log in. See you soon!

Leaders Workshop: (please note change of time)



Our first gathering will be on Friday Oct. 16th (the next one on Nov.20th) from 7:00 PM– 9:00 PM. All Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders are invited to a Zoom Training workshop every third Friday of the month. Email huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca to confirm.



Parenting Children:

Parents are invited to a relaxed time of connecting, socialising (from a distance), chatting and yes talking about our children! We will have organised discussions. Each time we will focus on a theme such as: Building Strong Foundations, meeting our children's needs. Setting boundaries, teaching healthy relationships and much more. Please email huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca if interested in the idea and let us know which day and time suits you best. We will plan the gatherings once we hear back from you.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AVAILABLE ON THE PHONE FOR
THOSE WITH NO INTERNET –
SPREAD THE WORD...**

If you know of people who cannot watch the services online, please let them know that they can call 343 882 1920 and enter 343 882 4663# on Sundays at 10:30am to listen to the service. (The line is open at 10:30am not before. If you need more info, contact Alcris.)

PRAYER BUDDY. If you would like to join someone for prayer on a regular basis, we would be delighted to find a prayer buddy for you. Together you two will decide how and when to pray.

PARKDALE BUDDIES. In this time of social isolation it is so important to have someone to check with on a regular basis. If you would like to have a buddy, let us know.

EARS ARE OPEN. It is normal that this new reality starts to impact our mental/emotional health. If you are feeling troubled, need to talk with someone, or in need of prayers, we are here for you. Please send Alcris an email or call the office for us to call you right back. We can meet on Skype, Zoom, phone or have an email chat. You are not alone, we are all together in this!

SMALL GROUPS ON ZOOM Please send an email to Rev. Alcris alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or to the office, pdale@trytel.com for Zoom links:

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism. Session 4 on Wednesday October 14th at 7:00 pm (6 sessions). We will be looking at Chapters 7 & 8. If you are interested to join, please sign up with Don in the office. The zoom link will be sent to your email. Alcris and Anthony are pleased to have Judy Hamley join in the leadership of this series.

Writing Group on Thursday October 15th at 4:00pm. This is an interest group for informal -not professional- writing aimed to those who want to explore spiritual journaling, poetry, autobiography, short stories, prayers, etc. We will meet every three weeks. Email Alcris for information alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Caring for the Caregivers, next session Friday October 23rd at 6:30pm. We all care for others. This is not only for people who are caring for elderly relatives or chronically ill loved ones, but also those who are caring for others directly or indirectly, with or without special needs (we welcome those in caregiver vocations and/or

professions as well). This is a space for offering mutual support, nurturing faith/spirituality and connecting with people who are going through a similar journey in the context of our Christian community.

IN THIS TIME OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD!

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1).



Thank you God for courage to have a daunting operation and for your healing power to return to good health and for all the love and support from Parkdale friends, neighbours and family. (Ruth Mooney)

God, for this we are grateful!



I am grateful that my niece in England has recovered successfully from COVID – 19 and have now returned to work (she is a nurse). (Melka Kerr)

Lord, for this we are thankful!



Thank you for the abundance of the summer harvest, the beauty of the season and all the personal abundance we enjoy in our lives every day. Thank you for the health, wellness and fellowship that many of us enjoy, in person or at a distance. (Cynthia Adam)

God, for this we are grateful!



Thank you God for helping me find my way in giving me strength every day to carry on your good word in helping others. (Roxanne Akhtar)

Lord, for this we are thankful!



I thank God and am grateful for my country and the freedoms we enjoy, for a government that is trying hard to do what is right and best in very difficult circumstances, for the scientific minds working on a vaccine, for the front line essential workers who keep in showing up to do what is needed, for my colleagues, family, friends and community- while we see less of each other we think often of each other and provide each other support. I am thankful for the technology that permits these connections and for our virtual church

services that keep us spiritually renewed. Thank God too for the natural beauty of our world that we can enjoy free of fear or complication - for the breathtaking autumn leaves and for the birds at our feeders. (Alison Trant)

God, for this we are grateful!



Thank you dear Lord for the beauty of Fall -- the magnificent colours, the cooler weather, shorter days, and like the animals, it is a reminder that Winter is around the corner and to make our preparations for indoor dwelling and hibernation. Thank you for being with us and showing us appreciation for the natural transitions of every season -- moments, hours, days, months and years. Amen. (Gloria Goodine)

Lord, for this we are thankful!



God has Blessed me with wonderful Friends. My late Husband Roger was my best friend; friends that you can count on, to be there in times of need, and also to enjoy life with. At Parkdale we are All Friends. We have so much to be thankful for. (Gloria Wright).

God, for this we are grateful!



Thank you for carrying us emotionally when we no longer have the physical or mental strength to go on with our own strength. (Edward Ellis)

Lord, for this we are thankful!



I am thankful for THE REALITY of God's constant supportive presence in my life....it continues to bless me with, joy, peace and good health.... every step of my way. (Betty Hope-Gittens)

God, for this we are grateful!



During COVID-19 pandemic, we are blessed to live in Canada where government and public health leaders are doing their best to keep us safely protected, with plentiful availability to food (except occasional shortages or delays), essentials, church, with access to help and many volunteers ready to assist others. (Marilyn and Mario)

Lord, for this we are thankful!



I am grateful for the cancer health care available in Ottawa, for family, friends, and neighbours. (Marilyn Follett)

God, for this we are grateful!



Thanks for living in a country so full of natural beauty, plentiful food and a population willing and able to help the less fortunate.
(Cynthia Currie)

Lord, for this we are grateful!



I am thankful that in a world where borders have been closed to protect us from illness, we live in the second largest country in the world, with unmatched natural beauty and variety, and a population density so incredibly low that we can all enjoy your creation with room to spare. (Rob Hilkes)

God, for this we are thankful!



I have so much to be thankful for, it is almost embarrassing but today I am giving God thanks for the gift of children, and for medical specialists who can provide transformative relief to families in need.
(Helen Hayes)

Thanks be to our God!

And we pray...



And now I pray that families everywhere going through this pandemic will receive good news soon. (Melka Kerr).



My personal prayer is for the healing of our current state of distress around the world, as today I was informed by UK researcher Dr. John Campbell, that approximately 10 % of the global population has now come in contact with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. (Carol Ritchie)



I ask for blessings for anyone who is not well and who needs food, shelter or love. (Cynthia Adams)



May we celebrate Thanksgiving safely and reflect on all these blessings. (Alison Trant)

Amen!!!