



**P**ARKDALE  
UNITED CHURCH  
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September 6, 2020 10:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service (Virtual)  
Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Rev. Alcris Limongi  
Pianist: Debbie McGregor

**PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH**  
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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, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this territory for thousands of years.*

September 6, 2020

Order of Worship

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...**

Stewardship Thought: *Yes, Jesus really did mean “forgive as we have been forgiven”, and “love one another as I have loved you”, and, that we have been given “the ministry of reconciliation”.*

Lighting our Worship Candle Dr. Bailey

Prelude Debbie McGregor

Welcome and Gathering Words Dr. Bailey

Silence

Call to Worship Dr. Bailey & Rev. Limongi

One: God is the Divine Labourer of Love. We gather virtually, to be tutored by this labourer:

**Many: so we may learn to be more compassionate,  
so we may grow in our ways of loving.**

One: Jesus is still teaching us how to be faithful disciples, with lessons like:

**Many: how to use wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a  
grudge,**

One: God’s Spirit is still nudging us, sometimes dragging us;

**Many: into the ways of sharing grace and restoration,  
so we may bear witness to the God who makes possible what  
seems impossible.**

Sung Prayer “Lord our Souls are Thirsting” Dr. Bailey

Hymn: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** VU#333

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,**

fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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### Call to Reconciliation

Our main calling from Christ is to love - everyone. The command to love sets the stage for all other commandments. Yet, as simple as this may sound, our actions and our words, show how difficult a task it is to truly love as Jesus loves. Let us confess together, saying,

### Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, you ask so much of us because you provide so much to us. You have given us all we need to cultivate a garden of love, and yet far too often we seem to prefer growing weeds and thorns of hurt and division and judgemental attitudes. Deep down we long to give up on the words of bitterness and**

resentment, so we can grow in forgiveness and grace and reconciliation; BUT...and this is a big but...we can't seem to get past the anger and the impulse for retribution. "I can help you with that" Jesus says. O God, we are broken. We long for you to make us whole through the life of Christ. When empty of peace, we pray you to fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. Be pleased to take us by the hand, if you must, and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; for it is in his name that we pray. Amen

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Dr. Bailey

Choral Response: *Halle, halle, halle*

(sing twice)

Hymn

**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**VU#575**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 (video recorded)  
(Huda Kandalaft Kanawati – *Congregational Designated Minister for Youth and Families*)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149

One: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

**Many: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion  
be glad in their King.**

One: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him  
with timbrel and harp.

**Many: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the  
humble with victory.**

One: Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on  
their beds.

**Many: May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-  
edged sword in their hands,**

One: to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the  
peoples,

**Many: to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with  
shackles of iron,**

One: to carry out the sentence written against them—this is the glory  
of all his faithful people.

Praise the LORD.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Dr. Bailey

*Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

VU#37

*Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)*

Anthem: “*Bwana Asifiwe*”

Children’s Choir (recorded)

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Message: “This Could Save the World...”

Dr. Bailey

Silence

## WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

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](http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca). You will see on the home page a button/link that says “Donate Now through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)”. Click on that and make your offering)*

Musical Reflection

Debbie McGregor

Dedication of the Offering

Dr. Bailey

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Limongi

***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

Hymn: **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**VU#602**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**

Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

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Blessing and Sending Forth

Dr. Bailey

Sung Blessing: Halleluya Pelo Tsa Rona (translation: Halleluya!  
We sing Your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.)  
Parkdale United Church Choir (recorded)

Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona, di Thabile kaofela.  
Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona, di Thabile kaofela.

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith,  
free of doubt, To proclaim the joyful Gospel.

Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona, di Thabile kaofela.

*Type: Words and Music; First Line: Halleluya! We sing your praises*

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*This bulletin is in memory of Ron Duncan, beloved husband of Elise Mennie and devoted father of Isabelle and Maija Duncan. Ron died 10 years ago on September 5th, 2010, and he is ever cherished.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Confidential Phone Counselling – by Dr. Bailey. Contact information: [abailey@trytel.com](mailto:abailey@trytel.com); 613 728-8656 x 222**

### 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.

### **ROGERS TV-Ottawa Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

<https://www.rogerstv.com/home?lid=14&rid=4>

An interview with Rev. Dr. Bailey of Parkdale United Church on the congregational response to a young person who sprayed racist graffiti on the church. As well, Parkdale United Church's ministry response in the midst of the pandemic will also be explored.

**RALLY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday (Sept. 13) is Rally Sunday. We are exploring the possibility of meeting on Sunday in a nearby Park. There will be a blessing of the back to school Backpacks and electronics as well as a commissioning of Sunday School and Youth Leaders. Anthony, Alcris, Huda and others will be offering leadership for this intergenerational service.

You are asked to bring your lawn chairs/blankets. Please note a congregational email will be sent out with updates – weather and otherwise.

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

I am inviting all who are interested to join me for a 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 will be held on Tuesdays (noon to 1:00 pm.) via a zoom platform, starting on September 15.

Please indicate your interest by registering through an email to Don Mockett at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com)

**PRAYER REQUESTS INBOX** Please feel free to send your prayer requests to [alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca).

**Children, Youth, Young Adults and IGNITE**

**Contact:** Huda at [huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

**September Sunday school and gatherings**

*Sunday school @ 10am*

- **September 6: Holy Trinity** - This week we will ask who is God? And how is He three in one and one in three?

- **September 13: Rally Sunday** and will have a special blessing of the backpacks and devices.

**September 20:** Sunday school, youth groups, and activities will resume.

IGNITE group meets every other Monday (next gathering: September 7, see below for details)

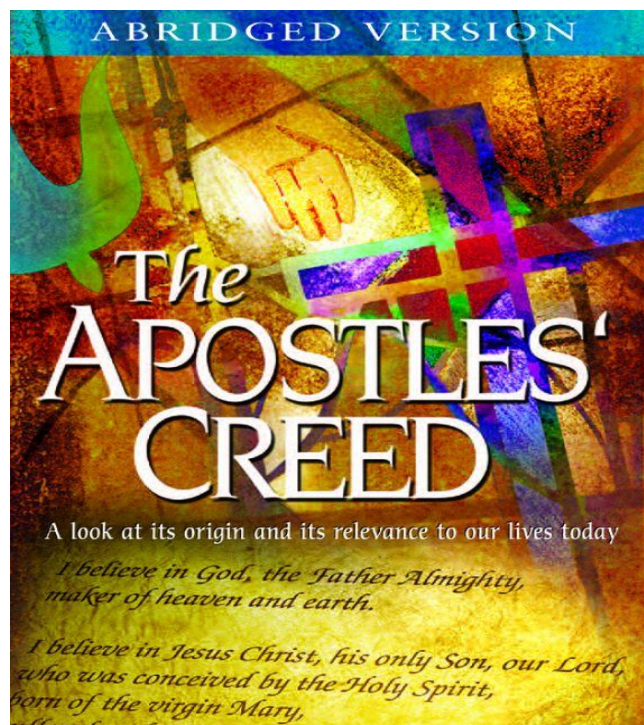
# Rally Sunday!



## IGNITE!

Have you asked yourself questions about key issues of faith such as who is God? Why did Jesus come to earth? What does Holy catholic church means? Then you are welcome to join us on Mondays as we study The Apostles Creed. We will look at the origins of the church's creed and its relevance to our lives and faith today.

IGNITE group meets every other Monday. Join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September as we begin studying *The Apostles Creed*. All young adults are welcome to join our online meetings. Please send an email to [huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) to register.



## Changes to Our Weekly Schedule

Following the guidelines of the United Church of Canada and the decision of our Council there will be no services at the church for some time yet, depending on when plans are approved. We are streaming the Sunday morning services over the internet. Services can be accessed on the church web site [www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](http://www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca). A worship bulletin is available by email for your use at home on Sunday mornings.

## Offering

As we continue with our ministries, and indeed as requests for help are increasing, we depend on donations from our congregation. We hope that you will continue to provide your offerings, even though we are not in church. We can suggest three ways of doing that:

1. A donation through Canada Helps, indicating that the donation is to go to Parkdale United Church - Ottawa
  - Go to our website: [parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca).
  - on the home page is a button/link that says “Donate Now through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)”
  - click on this button and it will take you directly to the form to donate to our church
2. A cheque sent by mail (429 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa, K1Y 1H3)
3. Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Givings can also be made directly through your bank account or credit card using Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Monthly givings are deducted automatically from your bank account or charged to your credit card. Using PAR ensures steady, predictable revenue to support the church **Ministries**. PAR forms and information can be printed from the church website ([parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca))

We thank all of you who have donated already via any of these methods and welcome your continuing support. Your numerous responses via CanadaHelps and PAR, and mailed in envelopes in the past week have been very encouraging.

**IN THIS TIME OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC LET US BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER (Romans 12:12). We continue to pray for our world and one another... “... the Spirit helps us in our**

*weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Romans 8: 6)*

- We pray for safety for the kids and teachers as they go back to school; for parents and School Boards, car poolers, staff and for all involved in our children’s education system, for those negotiating and those allocating resources and designing policies. For kids and parents who will be doing homeschooling.

- For victims of hatred and violence, natural disasters, political persecution, famine, and lack of resources to face this Pandemic.

- For our federal and provincial governments to make wise decisions on behalf of the people.

- For frontline workers in health and service areas.

-For our congregation, and the Body of Christ in the world, so we may be ready to support and walk in solidarity with those facing systemic injustice and personal prejudices.

-For all infected with COVID19, for their families and for those most vulnerable and exposed to the virus.

- For all suffering from other physical and mental health conditions and illnesses; especially for cancer patients and survivors in our midst.

- For our congregation and our families. For those of us who are in hospital, who are in treatment, who are feeling the impact of social isolation, who are looking for a new place, who are in need of assistance or are looking for a job, for those who are grieving and those whose families are expanding.

- For our elderly saints in long-term care homes

- For all those in the most vulnerable situation in societies: no housing, even more limited resources, no access to services, no spaces for community, mental conditions.

- For social workers, nonprofit organizations and government instances that work to support those in the gaps of society.

***Loving God we know you hear our prayers, so we give thanks!***





## **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 10:30 am to listen to the service. (Note: the line is open at 10:30 am not before - if you need more info, ask Alcris)

**PRAYER BUDDY.** If you would like to join someone to pray with on a regular basis, we would be delighted to find a prayer buddy for you. You two together 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 IN SEPTEMBER**

**LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY -Chapter 10** will continue on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

**Coffee Klatch Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Now on the last Tuesday of each month.

**Our Prayer Shawl Group** returning on Wednesday 9 at 10:00 am on Zoom. All are welcome.

**Our Prayer Group on Wednesday 16 at 10:00 am** on Zoom/phone.

**Caring for the Caregivers on Friday 18 at 6:30 pm.** A Zoom support group: conversation, exercises, speakers and prayers.

***White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* on Wednesday 23 at 7:00 pm** (6 sessions). An anti-racism reflection Group based on this book (there are still some available for purchase in the office for purchase or buy it online). (Anthony and Alcris will be leading a Book Reflection group, holding its first session on Sept. 23).

**Writing Group on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** This is an interest group for informal -not professional- writing. The purpose is to encourage each other to write their own projects, to share experiences, skills, and ideas about writing, and/or to be able to share some of your pieces. This is aimed to those who want to explore spiritual journaling, poetry, autobiography, short stories, prayers, etc. Please let Alcris know if you'd be interested [alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca).

## **SOME RECOMMENDED RESOURCES ON ANTI-RACISM**

□ For a comprehensive list of denominational global, national and local anti-racism initiatives, denominational statement of beliefs, recommended resources and, in case you missed it, a link to watch the video from June 14 United Against Racism, hosted by the Black Clergy Network, go to <https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism>

□ Also the special issue The United Church of Canada E-ssentials Special Issue - June 16, 2020 featuring Indigenous Day of Prayer, Prayer Vigil for Korea and Anti-racism tools. Go to:

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200602-1042576?e=62343e4de7>

□ A daily devotional from the Center for Contemplation and Action, the daily devotional from Richard Rohr. <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-mhkithd-tllhjlyklh-jy/>

□ White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo | Michael Eric Dyson. Beacon Press. Published Jun 26, 2018. (Anthony and Alcris will be leading a Book Reflection group, holding its first session on Sept. 23).

## **COVID-19: MESSAGES FROM OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH: HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?**

To reduce the spread of germs including the flu and the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) we recommend that you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have just washed your hands with soap
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand
- If you are a return traveler (including travel to the United States of America) OR have MILD symptoms – you MUST **self-isolate**. Most people with MILD symptoms will recover at home with no issues. You are helping limit the spread of the virus by staying at home.

**Social Distancing** refers to creating physical distance between ourselves so that we can limit the spread of the virus. Social distancing by all is **IMPERATIVE** to limit transmission in the community, to protect vulnerable populations and outbreaks in institutions. We must ‘flatten the curve’ so we don’t see spikes in cases. This means slowing down transmission of the virus to lessen the number of cases in the community at the same time, so that our health system continues to work properly. Having a sharp increase of cases in a small timeframe will overload our healthcare resources and have more severe impacts on our community. Social distancing is important for everyone at this time, but especially important for our older adult community (55+). Do NOT gather in groups of more than 10 people.



- Practice social distancing.
- Social distancing does not mean emotional distancing. Check in with others by phone or other technology. Check in with yourself. It's ok not to be ok. Please know that help is available, and we encourage you to reach out to Distress Centre of Ottawa to connect with someone at 613-238-3311 if needed.

## **Case Management and Privacy**

- We have received many questions from people who feel they are at risk, including many people expressing concern about being in the same location as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who may have symptoms of COVID-19.

I would like to clarify a few points:

- Given the transmission of COVID-19, we are all at risk. Social distancing, proper hand hygiene, not touching your face and self-isolation (when directed) are the best ways to reduce your personal risk at this time.
- A close contact of a case of COVID-19, is someone who has lived with, provided care for, or spent longer periods of time with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Case and contact management is a role of public health to help identify who may have been in close contact with a confirmed case. Ottawa Public Health will contact you directly if you have been identified as a close contact.
- OPH works closely with each confirmed case of COVID-19 to create a list of close contacts that require follow-up. If you have been contacted by Ottawa Public Health, follow the advice provided to you by the nurse.

## **Fraud concerns**

- I have been made aware that certain residents have received a phone call asking for credit card information from Ottawa Public Health (OPH). OPH (or any health unit) will not ask you for credit card information. Do not give your credit card information out if you receive a call or message similar to this.

Fraudulent activity during a situation like this is deplorable. I encourage you to report it to Ottawa Police Services.

## **Gratitude**

- Thank you to all residents of the City of Ottawa for your ongoing patience and cooperation. We are all in this together, and we need everyone to do their part- whether providing an essential service or staying inside – to be able to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our community and protect our health system and loved ones who depend on it.

Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health