



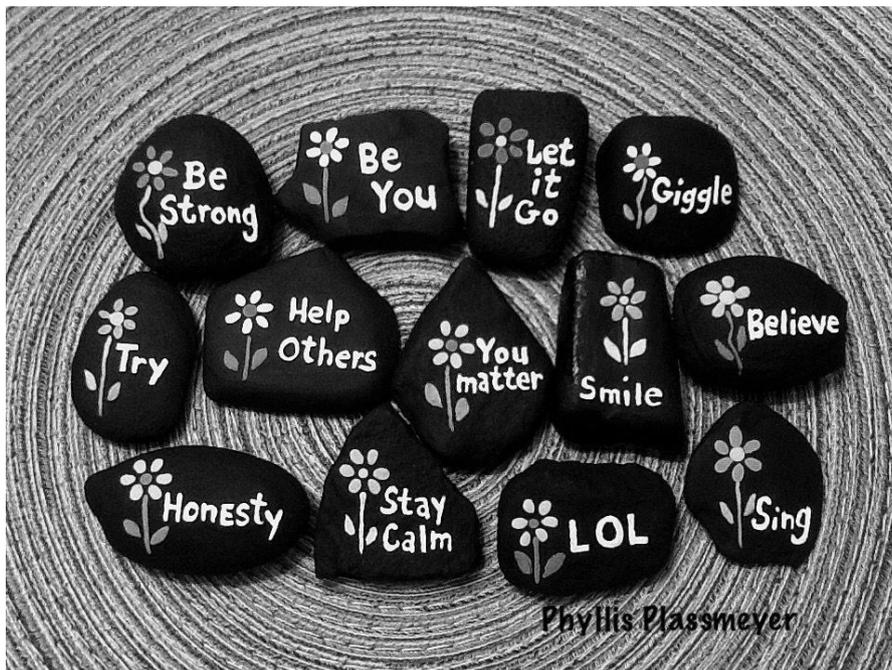
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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
ACT!ON SUNDAY/Salad Sunday  
Sunday July 15, 2018  
**LET'S ROCK OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**"Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit."**



**Reflection**

"It is only through love and laughter and a tremendous joy in life that you start feeling the presence of something that is beyond."

## Pre-service Music & Welcome



### GATHERING

#### Hymn:

#### Opening Words

One: On this summer day, welcome community, welcome God's presence, welcome all that life has to offer you today. This is our time together to celebrate and enjoy the delight and beauty of this season of sunshine and growth. Nicole Bourassa-Burke

#### Opening Sentences

One: Playful Presence, you call us together to celebrate this day.

**ALL: We will sing and delight in the warmth of the summer sun and of each other's company.**

One: Joyful Friend, you laughed and knew happiness, so we now gather to pray and to play, to eat and to enjoy.

**ALL: We will rejoice and share the goodness of life together as God's people.**

One: Dancing Spirit, you are with us now, sharing in the joy of this time.

**ALL: We will move and feel your love in, around and among us.**

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

#### Act of Awareness

One: Our God is a God of surprises, a God who creates small seeds that grow into huge plants, turns wheat, grapes, and yeast into bread and wine, a God whose love, like a soap bubble, surrounds us and carries us gently. Let us come together on this day to worship and experience God's astonishing surprises, God's wondrous creation, and God's tender love. Amen!

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

#### Hymn:

#### The Peace

One: This is no ordinary day for our God. This morning God welcomes us here with great joy. Let us take a few moments to greet each other, to smile, to laugh, to rejoice. Let us be thankful and see God's goodness in this day and in each other. May the peace and love of God be with you.

**ALL: May the peace and love of God be with us all.**  
*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*

## Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

*Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.*

### Hymn:

### CENTERING

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: A Playful God?

Christopher Jennings Penders

The stories of God as a vengeful deity, one who uses punishment to get what he wants from us are simply that-stories.

God never WAS vengeful. How can a loving God ever be portrayed as anything but joyful, anything but loving.

If God is indeed loving. If God is indeed joyful. Shouldn't he also be playful? You'd think so.

So now the question becomes, "How exactly do you play with God?"

I bet you don't think I have the answer.

What brings you joy? What make your heart sing? What makes your soul dance?

Do that and that's how you play with God.

Seeing the picture of the young boy in the pile of leaves in Jean's

"Playing with God" certainly leads one to believe in a playful God. Seeing God everywhere as I do, I suppose it can't be far off to imagine that God is in children as well as adults who are still child-like who find themselves joyfully dancing in the rain or jumping into a pile of leaves and laughing all the while.

Maybe it's time to tell a new story of who we think God is. Maybe it's time to see God in a different light.

Who wants to join me in turning the page? Who wants to create a new story? Who wants to see God as playful? As joyful?

### EXPLORING

Readings from our biblical tradition

#### Gospel Acclamation:

#### Gospel: **Ephesians 1:1-14** The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the holy ones in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and from our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the Maker of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! Before the world began God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love; God like-wise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children-such was God's pleasure and will-that everyone might praise the glory of God's grace which was freely bestowed on us in God's beloved, Jesus Christ.

It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favour given to us with perfect wisdom and understanding. God has taken great pleasure in revealing the mystery of the plan through Christ to be carried out in fullness of time; namely, to bring all things- in heaven and on earth- together in Christ.

In Christ we were willed an inheritance, for in the decree of God- and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel- we were predestined to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. In Christ you too were chosen. When you heard the Good News of salvation, the word of truth and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit; who is the pledge of our inheritance, the deposit paid against full redemption of a people who are God's own- to the praise of God's glory.

**MV 108** "I Know Your Word"

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.

I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever. (repeat)

**Contemporary Word:** *Creating Prayer Stones*

**Hymn:**

**Offertory Invitation**

One: We are blessed. We know God's goodness. We know that God provides. We know that God is generous. Let our offerings today of time, talent and treasure be given with joy and an undivided heart. Amen!

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

**Offertory Hymn:**

**Offertory Prayer**

**ALL: We have been blessed with much. As we present these gifts that come from our hearts may the message of hope be spread to those who live in despair and doubt. Amen!**

**Prayers of the People**

One: As each line is said place one fist on top of the other:

**V1:** We wish that we find a way for all live in peace.

**V2:** We wish that all who are hungry are fed.

**V3:** We wish that no one is lonely.

**V4:** We wish that those who mourn are comforted.

**V5:** We wish that who are sick are cared for.

- V6:** We wish that no one feels excluded  
**V7:** We wish that all people are safe.  
**V8:** We wish that everyone feels your love.

Nicole Bourassa-Burke

## **A New Creed (Sung)**

Andrew Aitchison

See back cover for words.

## **SCATTERING**

### **Announcements**

### **Words of Mission**

One: Let us go out to rock our community with our presence.

**ALL: Let us go out to scatter kindness like confetti.**

One: Let us plant seeds that grow into friendship.

**ALL: Let us**

One: And let us go out boldly singing:

### **MV 209 "Go Make a Diff'rence"**

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world! (Repeat)

### **Words of Blessing**

One: Let God's abundant life take root and grow wildly in you.  
Let God's abounding energy rise up in you and multiply.  
Let God's playful Spirit free you and fill you with joy and peace  
today, tomorrow and always.

**VU 974** Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

### **Postlude**

#### **CELTIC PRAYER OF HOSPITALITY**

**I open my heart to be the hospitality of Christ, to all those who come to my door.**

**I open my heart to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, the poor  
I open my life to offer a generous heart towards all.**

### **PLEASE STAY! BECAUSE THIS IS SALAD SUNDAY/ACT!ON SUNDAY**

ACT!ON Sunday is our community brunch held at Kimbourne Park on **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

YOU are a vital part in making ACT!ON SUNDAY a place and time of welcome to our neighbours. This is the way that we are church in our community.  
Speak to Suzanne to do your part in making this ACT!ON SUNDAY a success.

## **NEXT WEEKEND IS THE FESTIVAL OF FAITH!**

This exciting event will include musical performances on multiple stages, a DJ, and lip-sync competition. There will also be an artisan market with local artists and social enterprises, and amazing art displays, including stories and images of over 80 Embracing the Spirit projects.

**Nick White has created a video presentation about ACT!ON Sunday and Garden@Kimbourne and is now seeking members of KPUC to accompany him to the festival to staff the table. Please speak to him if you are interested in being part of the team!**

## **WELCOME TO KIMBOURNE PARK UNITED CHURCH**

*Whether you are here for the first time, the 101<sup>st</sup> time or have been a long standing member we are **happy** that you are with us this morning.*

***Our mission is simple-*** "to feed God's people (that's you) mind, body and spirit."

*Our doors are open wide and our table welcomes all.*

*Communion, usually held on the first Sunday of each month, is shared with everyone, of any age, of any belief.*

*Should you wish to offer a monetary gift there are envelopes marked **"WELCOME"** which can be used and placed on the offering plate.*

*If you have any questions about our community or just want to meet some of our members you are invited to **stay for coffee and "what-nots"** in the hall following the service.*

*To learn more about us visit our website **www.kpuc.org** and/or like our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/KimbourneParkUnitedChurch***

Our next board meeting will be tomorrow **Monday July 16 7:00 PM** in the Jessie Scott room.

Games Night is the 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of each month. The next Games Night is **Saturday August 11 5:00-10:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome.

**Garden Together with Garden@Kimbourne**  
**Sundays 12:00–2:30 and Wednesdays 6:00–8:00 pm**

Garden@Kimbourne is a volunteer-driven project that uses permaculture principles to grow food and community in Toronto's east end. Our harvest is shared between those who grow it and local food banks. We welcome volunteers with all levels of ability, experience, and availability



*WE WILL BE HAVING ACT!ON SUNDAY ON AUGUST 19  
because hunger does not go on vacation!*

While we will not be having regular worship during the month of August we will be holding ACT!ON Sunday. If you are in town that weekend we want you to come out to prepare, serve and clean up for the guests that will be here for the meal. Please speak to Suzanne ASAP to find out where you will be most needed.