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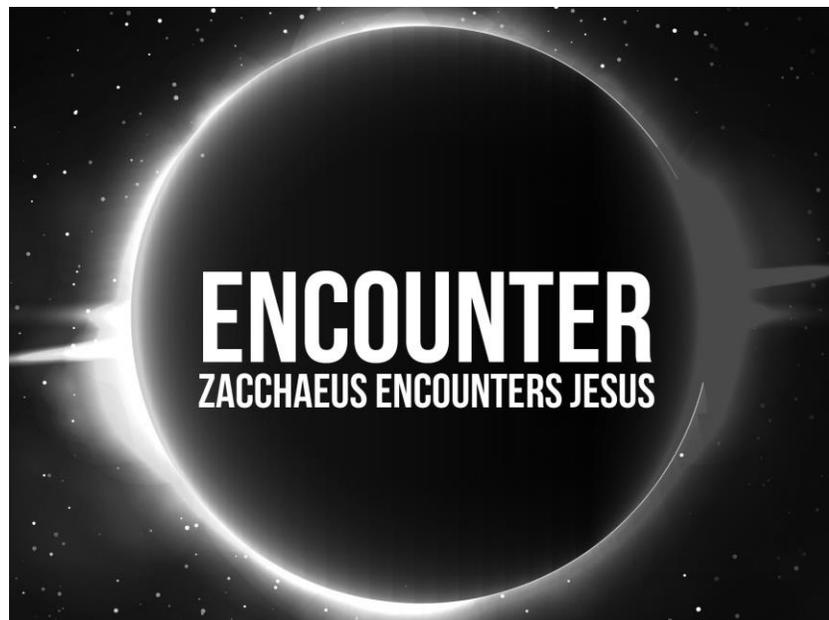
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



Reflection

"There are only two most powerful situations- being so small that you have nothing to lose and being so big that you don't care what you lose!"

Jasleen Kaur Gumber

We are a people of
EXTRAVAGANT
WELCOME

WELCOME TO KIMBOURNE PARK UNITED CHURCH

Whether you are here for the first time, the 101st 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, 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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and WELCOME

Acknowledgement of Land

One: We acknowledge the land. For 15,000 years, Indigenous peoples have tended to it: the Petun, Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. We hear the cry for justice and right relationships, and we strive to walk in peace, respect, friendship, and in solidarity.

MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Gathering

One: Jesus calls all to an inclusive community. Yet he promises no greatness and no soft beds. Only to follow.
In these times and in this place let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

Lighting of the Community Candle

Carol: *Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presentness of God. We light this flame to remind one another that within us is all of creation. Within us is God.*

The Community Candle is lit.

ALL: **We are the light of God. We will not hide our light but like the flame burn bright.**

Opening Sentences

One: In our gathering together let us marvel at life, recognising its wonders and its signs.

ALL: The blowing wind, the rising and setting sun, the fruiting trees and drying grasses.

One: In their beginning, in their ending, they offer evidence of continuing creativity

ALL: In all creation, visible and invisible.

Act of Awareness

One: We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown. SMCampbell/slt

"The Trumpets Sound"

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin;
the gates of heaven are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,
come and revel in heaven's love and light;
take your place at the table of the King,
the feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things,
O taste the peace and joy He brings;
He'll fill you up with love divine,
He'll turn your water into wine.

Sing with thankfulness songs...

The hungry heart He satisfies,
offers the poor His paradise;
now hear all heaven and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Sing with thankfulness songs...

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The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Children's church

Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.

MV 122 "This Is the Day"

EXPLORING

Reading from our biblical tradition

Psalm 22

A 21st century exploration by Francis Macnab A Fine Wind Blowing

The writer of this Psalm is experiencing the 'absence' of God and longs for the 'closeness' once knew.

One: God, we read that people in the past believed in you;
and you apparently gave them the strength they sought.
So why are you so distant from me?

Nicole: There have been times when I have reached out to you, but you
looked the other way!
My disillusionment comes under criticism from so many people.
And those I thought were my friends, fail to support me.

**ALL: Truth is, in my heart of hearts,
I know that you gave me life at the beginning,
and I felt you cared for me.
But now I need you to be closer to me,
because nothing makes much sense anymore,
and there are so many huge problems gathered around
me.**

One: In all this tale of misery,
I am talking to you because you know my feelings and failings.

**ALL: And you will save me - even from my own negative
thoughts.
I continue to believe in your Presence
which is more powerful than I can really understand.**

Nicole: You have planted within us the awareness of a love which is eternal, yet very important and personal. I continue to believe that people are valued by you, even when they fall away from you.

ALL: You let that happen: but you go on feeling the pain and you are ready to support them in their difficulties.

One: You are the Eternal God of us all:
Regardless of my feelings of insignificance and inadequacy,
I am in awe as I try to find a way to worship you.

**ALL: One thing I can do.
I can be a carrier of your love to people all around me.**

Music Meditation: David

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

cantor: *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!*

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Inclusive Text

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a wealthy person whose name was Zacchaeus appeared. Zacchaeus was one of the senior toll collectors.

Zacchaeus was anxious to see what Jesus was like, but was too short and could not see Jesus for the crowd; so Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.'

And Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Jesus joyfully.

They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said.

But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, 'Look, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay back four times the amount.'

And Jesus said to Zacchaeus, 'Today, salvation has come to this house, because you too are a descendant of Abraham; for the Promised One has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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:

MV 127 "I Saw the Rich Ones"

Offertory Invitation

One: We give not to make our selves feel good. We give because giving is good. We give of our time our talent and our money so that others might experience the great goodness that we name God.

VU 705 "For All the Saints" verses 1,2,5,6

CELEBRATION

The Invitation

One: Our tradition says at the Last Supper, Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited the disciples to share his journey. Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples. Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our unity with one another, and with all those who have gone before us in this place. Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our communion with the earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.

The Story

Carol: We are reminded again of the tradition that surrounds this story. Long ago, on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it:
'This bread is broken, as my body will be'.
And he handed it to his friends, and invited them to eat:
'Remember all that I have been to you'.
Long ago, on that same night, Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends:
'This wine is poured out, as my life will be. Remember me and give thanks for all I have given'.

One: God is the heart of life.

ALL: And we are the heartbeat.

One: May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

ALL: We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Sherri Weinberg

Nicole: Creating God, Source of Life, we offer our thanks. The smell of brittle leaves after rain, the surprise of geese in flight, the taste of peach and plum and apples, for all gifts simple and profound, in country and city, in fields, or back yard and on lake, we give thanks.

ALL: We give thanks.

One: We who hold all such good things in trust, join with others in declaring:

ALL: Holy! Holy! Holy!
Heaven and earth are holy and good.
Holy is peace.
Holy is truth. Holy is love.

Carol: *In this season of transition as the leaves begin their subtle change of colour and our hearts cling to the warmth as the days shorten, once again we are reminded, that new possibilities can rise from our failures or disappointments or what has come to an end.*

Nicole: We give thanks for all the influences in our lives that have helped us to see beyond the present, that teach us to combine labour and rest, that bring us the cycles of time and season, and that sustain us when we are in need.

ALL: God loves in us; God cares through us; God laughs in us; God cries in us as nowhere else.

One: Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth, gatherer of folk, teller of stories, breaker of bread, pourer of wine, weaver of lives.

In his life, wisdom, stories and social vision we recall the words he spoke to call forth in us love, care and respect for one another.

ALL: And we believe the same Spirit of God that came to visibility in Jesus yearns for visible expression in us.

Michael Morwood

One: So now we take this bread and this wine may they be a constant presence of the Spirit of Life and Love healing, renewing and making us whole.

ALL: Together we remember our past.
Together we discern our present.
Together we shape our future.

Nicole: So come all, taste of this same bread and wine gifts of the earth and work of human hands.



Duet: "I Am the Bread of Life"

John Michael Talbot

Prayer After Communion

ALL: May the bread and the wine and the remembering be a blessing on us all.

SCATTERING

Announcements

Words of Mission

One: As we prepare to leave this sacred space where we have worshipped together, let us return to our work enlivened and renewed.

The community candle is extinguished.

One: Where Christ walks,

ALL: We will follow.

One: Where Christ stumbles,

ALL: We will stop.

One: Where Christ cries,

ALL: We will listen.

One: Where Christ suffers,

ALL: We will hurt.

One: When Christ dies,

ALL: We will bow our heads in sorrow.

One: When Christ rises again in glory,

ALL: We will share his endless joy.

WG WG

MV 209 "Go Make a Difference"

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world! (Repeat)

Blessing Words

One: May God the star maker cradle and circle you.

May God the storyteller beckon and encourage you.

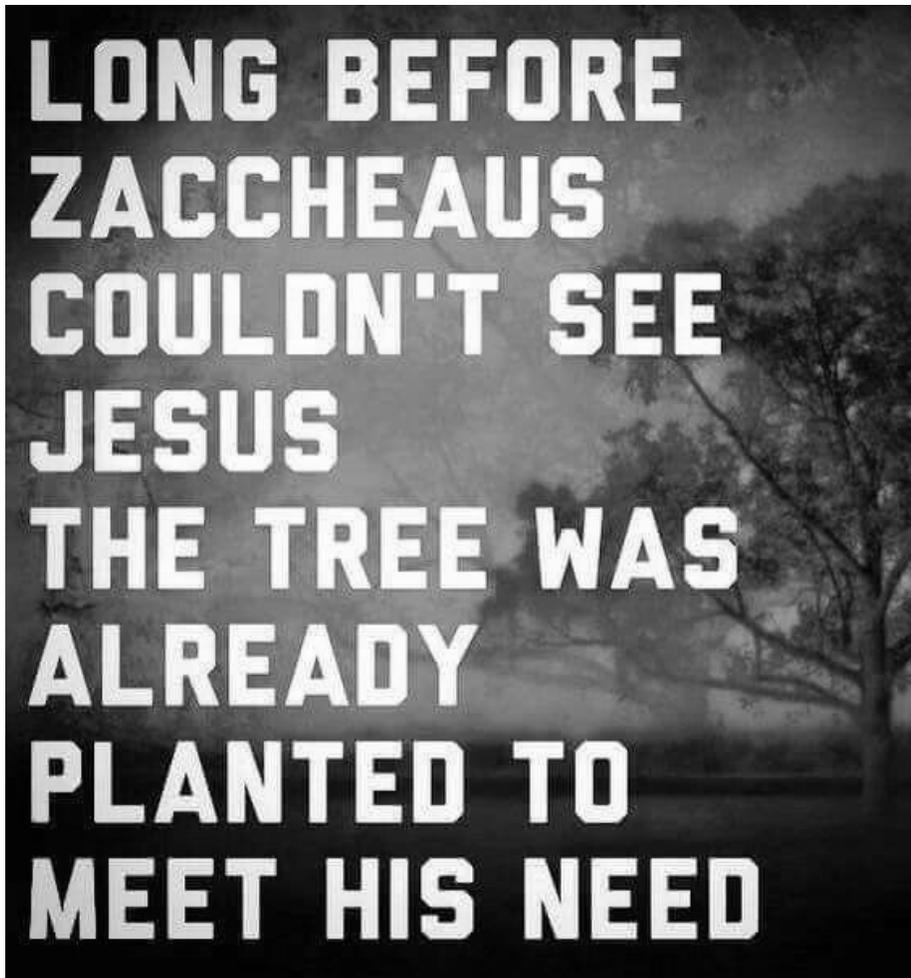
May God the life changer challenge you and cherish you.

May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter
all the moments of your nights and days.

Sung Amen:

Postlude

As you go into this week remember that...



JANUARY 25, 2020

This will be our salute to Michael on his retirement and celebration of his ministry at KPUC.

It will be a pot luck supper in our hall so that all can attend.

Time and details to be announced later.

Please spread the word to former members and others who would be interested in joining us on that day.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month at **7:30 PM in the Jessie Scott Room**. The November meeting will be on **Monday, November 18**.

All members of the congregation are welcome.

GAMES NIGHTS

Games Night is an evening of board games held **in our church hall on the second Saturday of each month from 5-10 PM**. All members of the community of all ages are welcome to this free event. You are welcome to bring a game and/or snacks to share. Pizza and drinks will be available at nominal cost.

Plan to attend our next Games Night on **Saturday November 9th**.

THE NEXT ACTION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 17.

ACTION SUNDAY is our service, our worship. You are the most important part of how we live our mission of "working together to feed God's people."

All ages and skills are needed in the kitchen, for service and welcome. Speak to Suzanne to see where your time and talent can be put to use.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The **Christmas Marketplace**, which takes place on **Saturday, December 7**, is less than 2 months away and we are looking for people to sign up to bring in such items as: Cookies (individually wrapped) - ginger snaps, shortbread, Christmas themed cookies, chocolate chip, oatmeal, sugar cookies etc.

Squares - date, lemon, chocolate, hello dollies etc.

Brownies

Muffins

Tarts

Cake

Your favourite festive treat.

As well as soup and sandwiches for the tea room.

Please speak to any of the following to volunteer or contribute:

Bakers - contact Suzanne Bond

Cookie makers - contact Catherine Mattar-Hurlbut

Soup and sandwich makers - contact Sharon Harrison

Next Sunday November 10 there will be a short gathering following the service to discuss ways to improve and coordinate ACTION Sunday. Please speak to Suzanne for more details.



Like Zacchaeus, help us, O God,
to lose our fear of stepping outside our place,
of doing things differently,
of seeking Christ in our lives.
Christ's invitation awaits us
to start anew,
to make amends,
to live in Christ's way.
God of change and renewal,
we give thanks for your love
that makes this possible
for each one of us.
Amen.

Stephen M. Fearing
United Church of Canada