



MINUTE FOR MISSION *Taken & Detained: 17-year-old Khalil's Story*

I feel as if I am in a big prison

Can you imagine military breaking into your home in the middle of the night, arresting and detaining your child, and then taking them away to be interrogated? This happens nightly in Palestine.

It happened to Khalil, a teenager who lives in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of occupied East Jerusalem. Last June, Khalil was simply standing with his mother outside their home when he says he was attacked and assaulted by Israeli police passing by and then detained for two days before being released on bail and placed on house arrest. Even though house arrest has been lifted, he lives in constant fear.

"When I go to school, I'm constantly worried about my family.... When I pass through the checkpoints at the entrances to the neighbourhood, whether on my way to school or on my return, I feel as if I am in a big prison," he says in a brave [photo essay](#)(opens in a new tab) he shares about his experience.

Khalil's essay was just released by Defence for Children International (DCIP). Your generosity through Mission & Service supports this advocacy organization in defending children's rights by offering free legal aid, documenting violations of international law, and advocating for greater protections. Although Israel ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991, DCIP says that Palestinian children like Khalil continue to be systematically denied protections. Last year, 78 children were killed as a result of Israeli military and settler presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.*

On May 5–8, 2022, the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel is hosting a conference in London, Ontario. Called [Responding to a Cry for Hope](#)(opens in a new tab), the event will be largely led by Palestinian speakers sharing their own experiences. Thursday evening will focus on the Israeli military treatment of Palestinian children. The Rev. Marianna Harris, a United Church minister, is one of the organizers of the event. "I have been involved in this work since 2002 when I heard what was going on in Palestine, and it completely shocked me. Since then, I've been to Palestine three times. I have friends there. What's happening just isn't right."

Harris encourages Mission & Service supporters to take the next step and connect with UNJPPI. "I would encourage people to learn more about what is happening and what we are doing by visiting [unjppi.org](#) (opens in a new tab)," she says. "Join Canadians who are standing up for the rights of Palestinians. The hurting has to stop. I believe good can happen, and we are called to help make it happen. We are called."

*DCI-Palestine, [Distribution of Palestinian Child Fatalities by Month](#) (opens in a new tab).

SYDENHAM-HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH

May 15, 2022

A NEW COMMANMENT



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Building the Kin-dom of God

9:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Seasons Bell Lane, 55 Diana

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & Nursery

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Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

While reading our bulletin you will notice some bold print. This indicates that the congregation will read these passages aloud together.

Please note that the Hymns will not be announced

***Indicates to stand as you are able**

Musical Prelude - Sonny Sinclair

WE GATHER

Acknowledging the Land

One: For thousands of years First Nations people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered today on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Welcome and Announcements

Salaam (traditional Muslim greeting)

One: May peace be upon you, as well as the mercy and the blessings of God.

All: May peace be upon you, as well as the mercy and the blessings of God.

Time of contemplation

Amen.

***Hymn** - #703VU "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle – the Christ candle – to remind ourselves us that Christ is present in our midst.

At Home & Needing Our Prayers: Heather MacMillan, Jean Maich; Marion Brose, Megan Cousins; Dolly & Jim Mammourias; Maureen Hall-Gilmore; Lawrence & Delores Jackson; Alice Woods, Margaret Wood, Gary Vanderstarre; Ken & Norma Preece

John Noble: Emily Wood, Norma Kirkby

St. Joe's Lifecare: Bob Bell

BGH: Carey Maynard,

Prayer Cycle: May 15th - Faith Centennial, Selkirk



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION "HIGH TEA"

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022

Place: Fellowship Room

Time: 12:00

Dress: Dressy with nice hat/fascinator

Hosts: UCW welcomes all ladies of the church for a fun time! Please register with Linda Clark 519-752-3665 by May 27th. The cutoff number is 24.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for

DAN MANNING

Friday, May 20

11am

Mt. Pleasant United Church

699 Mt. Pleasant Road

SYDENHAM-HERITAGE NEWS

May 15, 2022

Sunday, May 15

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 16

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

1:00pm Drum Circle (Calder Hall)

5:30pm TOPS (Fellowship Room)

6:30pm Brant County Singers (Calder Hall)

Tuesday, May 17

9:00am Fix-it Club

10:00am Coffee Time (Calder Hall)

1:00pm K2tog [Knitting Group] (Sunshine Room)

6:30pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00pm K2tog [Knitting Group] (Sunshine Room)

Wednesday, May 18

9:30am Safe Zone (Calder Hall)

10:30am Coffee (Fellowship Room)

10:30am Outreach Project (Kitchen)

Thursday, May 19

2:00pm Healing Circle for Grieving (Fellowship Room)

7:00pm Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 20

7:00 Friday Fun Night (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, May 15

10:00am Worship (Zoom)

10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

* **Call to Worship** (taken from "Song of Faith")

One: Come, let us sing of God: Holy Mystery, triune and one;

All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother, Friend and Comforter;

One: God, Christ and Spirit, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer;

All: Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, the One on whom our hearts rely.

One: Come, bring many names, and bear witness to the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our presence is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what we know is wrong. Help us to flavour the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE HEAR

Readings from Scripture

Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth or story, listen to these words now for the teaching they hold for you today.

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

One: Within these words, let us hear the word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry - Love Over Hate

Reflection - A new commandment

WE REFLECT

***Hymn** - #145MV "Draw the Circle Wide"

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Dedication**

- #415VU (v3) "God, We Praise You for the Morning"

God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

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***Offering Prayer** (unison)

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Sung Blessings - "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world will see.
God will be there, present in our love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude



Join us for coffee
go to sydenham-heritage.ca, scroll down to the
calendar, and click the link for Sunday ZOOM

MINISTERS - ALL OF US BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Rev. Dr. Paul Shepherd, Minister
Rev. Wayne Myhre, Minister Emeritus
Rev. Con Estoesta, Minister Emeritus
Trevor Dalton, Music Director
Linda Brown, Custodian
Aileen Johnston, Office Coordinator
Audio/Video Techs, Lyle Sylvester, Jim Linington
Organists Bell Lane, Cynthia Advincula, Ruth Sylvester,
Pat Dawood

Lord's Prayer (from the New Zealand Prayer Book, 1997)
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

WE GO - TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALING OF THE WORLD

***Hymn** - #120MV "My Soul Cries Out"

***Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

One: We extinguish this candle – the Christ candle – knowing that Christ continues to be present, in us, with us, and through us.

***Commissioning**

One: In a world that cries out, "fear me"

All: we will listen to Jesus's words, "Don't be afraid"

One: In a world that wants us to hate the other ...

All: we will live Jesus's call: "Love God, Love your neighbour, and Love yourself"

One: In a world that radicalizes ...

All: We too will be radical. Radical with our hospitality. Radical with our hope. Radical with our love.

***Benediction**

Prayer Prelude

- #161MV (v1,4) "I Have Called You by Your Name"

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, Hear our prayers: for the hungry and the overfed,

All: may we have enough;

One: for the mourners and the mockers,

All: may we laugh together;

One: for the victims and the oppressors,

All: may we share power wisely;

(share the prayers of your heart, silently or out loud)

One: for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

All: may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

One: for the silenced and the propagandists,

All: may we speak our own words in truth;

One: for the unemployed and the overworked,

All: may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

(share the prayers of your heart, silently or out loud)

One: for the troubled and the secure,

All: may we live together as wounded healers;

One: for the homeless and the pampered,

All: may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

One: for the vibrant and the dying,

All: may we all die to sin and live to love.

(share the prayers of your heart, silently or out loud)