

This quilt was made by the Westminster Quilting Group and will be sold by silent auction as part of the 125th Anniversary of Westminster United Church with the proceeds going to the church.



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

17th Sunday after Pentecost & World Wide Communion

Service of Communion

10:30 am

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House vs. 5

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words with-in the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Words and Music: Marty Haugen, © GIA Publications 1994. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-720863

Call to Worship

Light, love and freedom are gifts of God.

We come in peace.

Bread, wine and friendship are gifts of Christ.

We come in joy.

Wisdom, compassion and grace are gifts of the Spirit.

We come in hope.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Prayer of Confession

One: Like the scent from a lovely garden, your good news wafts over everything.

All: Like the colour on trees in autumn, you blaze into lives with joy and peace.

One: As we gather to share bread around this table,

All: we pause to remember other tables, other times, other hands.

One: We take stock of our lives and seek out a deeper connection with you.

All: Yet how often have we hoarded your good news instead of sharing it; taken the cup of life without tasting it?

One: Forgive us, Holy God, and set us free from our struggles.

All: Forgive us and turn us toward the path of peace, love and compassion once again.....

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem Bread of the World

arr. Philip Lawson

Scripture Readings: John Grivell

Matthew 21: 23-32

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 460 All Who Hunger

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Collection of Offerings

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offertory

Offering Doxology MV 42 Praise God for this Holy Ground Vs 1
Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Communion *Communion Setting E (VU 942-43)*

The Invitation

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and Praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise....

.... into your way of justice and compassion, we gather with those in every time and place to give you praise and glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 942-43

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Mighty and tender God, it is in Jesus of Nazareth that we witness the fullness of your grace.....

... .. waiting in hope for his coming again, as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

VU 943

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send, Oh God.....

*... .. all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.*

Great Amen

VU 943

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Holy God, hear us now as with one voice we say together the words Jesus taught his followers to pray, saying

Our father/mother, 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 lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking and Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion - unison

Holy One, may we who have gathered at this table remember that we are part of the body of Christ in the world. May who we are reveal the light and love of Christ to those we meet. And may our hearts be open, our words be grace-filled, and our actions be life-giving on this day and everyday. Amen.

Hymn VU 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response VU 639 One More Step

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Words and Music by Sydney Carter , © Hope Publishing Company 1971. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-720863

Organ Postlude *If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

* Written by Robin Wardlaw, **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2017, page 41. Used with permission.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 8 – from Gathering

Thanksgiving Sunday

Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost

Worship materials for October 8 were contributed by Lorrie Lowes and Peggy Aitchison, Bells Corners U.C., Bells Corners, Ont.

Deuteronomy 8:7–18 God will bring you to a bountiful land.

Psalms 65 (VU pp. 782–783) God provides, the valleys sing.

2 Corinthians 9:6–15 God loves a cheerful giver.

Luke 17:11–19 Ten healed, one returns to offer thanks.

To Ponder

What kind of giver are you: reluctant or cheerful, cautious or generous? How would you describe yourself?