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Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 12

September 1, 2019

10:30 am

“Those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 14:11

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy Verse 1
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Worship

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.
For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.
To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body,
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.
We gather as one Body,
to worship the one who is Love.

Hymn VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Prayer of Confession

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet
where the last may be first,
and the humble and the mighty trade places.

**Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!**

Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance in thinking less of those who lead different lives.

Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst as they bear your name in their hearts.

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

God is merciful and slow to anger.

God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.

God welcomes us when we turn to God.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7–14

Reader: Liz Wijtkamp

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Message “Humility: Not Thinking Less of Yourself
but of Yourself Less.” Rev. Don McIntyre

Hymn VU 579 The Church Is Wherever God’s People

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

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

Offering Doxology VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication

With these gifts,
we lay down all that we have
and all that we are,
and take up the cross with Jesus.

Holy Shaper of life and grace,
you have shown us the cost of being your people.

**We give you thanks, for the crosses
that are ours to bear, and to share
and for the strength to carry them
and the strength to turn to others in our midst when needed.**

Help us to follow the path of Jesus, to trust in the love that is here
and the One who shows us the way to humility and hospitality.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning and Sending Forth

With empty hands and open hearts,
go forth to follow Jesus in love and service to the world.

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 10. Used with permission.*)

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September 8 – Thirteenth after Pentecost (Proper 18)

Jeremiah 18:1–11

God is the potter; we are the clay.

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 (VU pp. 861–862)

God has searched me and known me.

Philemon 1–21

A plea for Onesimus, the runaway slave.

Luke 14:25–33

You must give up your possessions to be my disciple.

To Ponder

Do you believe that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? Why or why not?