



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

*Over 125 years of ministry in the community –
Moving forward in a tradition of service*

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
and the Sacrament of Communion
10:30 am

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

Organ Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 28 God of the Bible (vs.1 and refrain)

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

*Words Shirley Erena Murray © 1995 Music Tony E. Alonso © 2001 All rights reserved. Reprinted under
OneLicense.net #A-720863.*

Call to Worship*

From the corners of this neighborhood and across the city,
from the confusion of life,
from the pain and hurt of loss,
from the loneliness of our hearts,
from the uncertainty of change,
from the unexpected moments of grace,
Gather us in, O God.

To feed our minds,
to fire our imagination,
to free our hearts,
to inspire our living,
to deepen our faith,
Gather us in, O God.

Hymn VU 223 Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

Prayer of Confession**

God the Holy Spirit,
You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.
You move where you will, breaking down barriers,
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.

Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!
Come, Spirit of God,
Sweep through our world bringing great change.
May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,
So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.
And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,
So that we may act justly, love mercy,
And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem Let us Break Bread Together by John Helgen

Following the Anthem, the children are welcome to join Katelyn in the Chapel for Sunday School, and are invited to return during the service of communion.

Scripture Reading: Susie Conrad
Micah 6: 1-8
Matthew 5: 1-12

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Message Rev. Sherri McConnell

Hymn VU 896 Blest Are They

Prayers of the 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 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery verse 4

**When heaven's bright with mystery
And stars still lead an unknown way,
When love still lights a gentle path
Where courts of power can hold no sway,
There with the Magi, let us kneel,
Our gifts to share, God's world to heal.**

Used with permission.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God... ..

... ..sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free. And so it is with grateful hearts that we join in the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness once again -

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, and the return of compassion and
justice to all the earth, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith -*

Memorial Acclamation

VU 943

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

*Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
so that all who share in this bread and this cup, may live as the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world -*

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 -*

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Gracious God, though we live in a world of need,

**Here we have experienced your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

Though surrounded by brokenness, alienation and isolation,

**here we have heard your call
to be a community of compassion.**

Though daily we touch our own limits, feel stretched, discouraged or fatigued,
here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, Oh God,

in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

Hymn VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus (vs. 3)

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise;
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Words and music, public Domain.

Organ Postlude

**Rex Hunt liturgies website February 2, 2014 (adapted)*

***Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>*

February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship materials were contributed by Kim Vidal, Bells Corners U.C., Nepean, Ont.

Micah 6:1–8

What does God require of us?

Psalm 15 (VU p. 736)

Who may be a guest in God's house?

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

God's foolishness is better than human wisdom.

Matthew 5:1–12

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

To Ponder

What was Jesus' purpose in declaring that those who are grieving and in poverty are blessed?