



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada
Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, June 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter,
The Sacrament of Communion
and Pride Sunday

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 Verse 1, plus 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. (2x)

Call to Worship*

Here we gather seeking welcome and acceptance.

Here we gather to meet, pray, visit, re-connect.

Here we gather seeking to be renewed, strengthened, and challenged
for the days ahead.

Here we gather seeking to be empowered to live in the way of Love.

Here we gather. Let us worship.

Hymn VU 213 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, every day there are those times when we turn on our
backs on you, and ignore your dreams for us. Every week, we say or
think unkind things, rather than pausing and offering up kindness
instead. And there are so many moments in our lives when it feels
easier to seek our own way than walk your path of peace and
joy. Help us break the chains which hold us captive to our fears and
old habits, and open us to your grace and so we may live as your
people of hope.....**

Moment of silence for personal confession.

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

Words of Assurance

Anthem Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck
Soloist: Rebecca McIntosh

Scripture Reading: Katherine Abra
John 17: 20-26

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

Message

Hymn VU 467 One Bread, One Body

Prayers of the Faithful *

Your liberating voice has called us here

And we are counted among your holy people.

You have provided sanctuary for us

And we worship and pray in your expanding love.

You cradle us in the palm of your open hands

And we are raised up by you.

Your Spirit quenches the desert of our souls

And produces an abundance of gifts for us to share.

You show us your light in your sun and your reflection in your moon

And we are called to bring your light into the depths of fear.

You bless us with all of the colours

And we believe in your rainbow covenant with us.

Your gift of community is celebrated in our midst

And we freely dance in the fire of your Spirit.

You bless us with the power of your peace

And we fall into your love.

You call us all your people

And we are your home.

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 MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;

deep in our hearts there is a common song;

deep in our hearts there is a common story,

telling Creation that we are one.

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Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, accept these gifts and the gifts that are our lives, and with these gifts may your kingdom come, your will be done, and your peace be made known throughout our world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Celebration of Communion

(Communion Setting – Kingsfold Communion Set, MV 203-205)

THE INVITATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May Peace be with you

All: And also with you

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We open them up to the Lord.

One: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All: So let us give thanks to the Lord our God, and sing the holy song of love and compassion in the language of every heart!

One: In the shadows of chaos you breathed, Creator God,
your Spirit moving over the waters of life.

You opened your hands, filling all creation with goodness and beauty.

**All: You gathered up earth's dust,
shaping us in your image,
and filling our lungs with Spirit's life.**

One: But drunk on the wine of human arrogance and desire,
we listened to the competing voices of evil, sin, denial and death,
believing they spoke the truth.

**All: With sighs too deep for words,
you continued to call us home,
speaking through teachers and prophets.**

One: *When we hid our faces from you.....
... ..in every language, and in every heart,
we proclaim your goodness:*

Holy, Holy, Holy MV 203
O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the high-est heav'n,
cre-a-tion sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your names al-ways.

One: God of beginnings and endings.....

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

Memorial Acclamation MV 204
Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri-sen,
Christ will come a-gain!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri-sen,
Christ will come a-gain!

*One: 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 embrace your call to
love unconditionally, celebrate joyfully, and serve faithfully so that all
may take their place around your table of justice and hope.*

Great Amen MV 205
A-men, a-men, O Ho-ly One!
Ho-san-na and A-men!
A-men, a-men, O Ho-ly One,
Ho-san-na and A-men!

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

**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

Communion will be served in the pews, where we are seated. Elements can be consumed as they are received. If you are in the balcony, please come down to the main floor to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, though we live in a world of need,
**Here we tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**
Though afflicted by brokenness and division,
**here we have heard your call
to be a community of compassion.**
Though daily we touch our limits,
here we have received the fullness of your grace.
Send us forth, Oh God,
in faith, in hope in love. Amen.

Hymn

Startle Us, God, by the Signs of Your Spirit

Shirley Erena Murray

LAUDA ANIMA, Stralsund Gesangbuch 1665

1. Star - tle us, God, by the signs of Your Spi - rit a - round
2. Wake us to see where the winds of the ci - ty are blow -
3. Shock us by sho - wing us Je - sus, his style of di - rec -
4. Star - tle us, God, in - to con - fi - dent high ex - pec - ta -
us! Shake us a - wake for the thrust of Your
ing, fa - cing the bro - kers of pow'r where the
tion, wel - co - ming, ne - ver con - ven - tion - al
tion, kno - wing the hope and the pro - mise of
Word to as - tound us! Rat - tle our doors, give our dis -
cur - rents are flo - wing, fin - ding the lost, lear - ning what
in his se - lec - tion, o - pen our minds, teach us how
new re - ve - la - tion, ta - king Your part, prais - ing with
com - fort no pause, rouse us for work You have found us!
jus - tice may cost, feel - ing the pain of our gro - wing.
pre - ju - dice blinds, co - lours our cul - ture's re - flec - tion.
mind and with heart, ho - nour - ing all Your cre - a - tion.

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Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response You Shall Go Out with Joy x2

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.**

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Organ Postlude

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Acts 2:1–21

The Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost.

or **Genesis 11:1–9**

Language confused at the Tower of Babel.

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b (VU p. 827 Part Two)

God and Wisdom create the earth creatures.

Romans 8:14–17

A spirit of adoption, not slavery.

John 14:8–17, (25–27)

God will send you the Spirit of Truth.

To Ponder

Do you feel free in your life? If not, what binds you?