



# Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
and the Sacrament of Communion**

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be spoken by the congregation.

**Organ prelude**

**Christ Candle is lit**

**Welcome and News**

**Introit** *see next page*

**Call to Worship**

Holy God, in the struggles of our world,

**We gather here searching for peace**

In the ups and downs of our everyday lives,

**We come searching for joy and hope**

When uncertain about what to do, or what is for the best

**We come seeking your path of wisdom, wholeness and compassion.**

When we wonder and question and doubt

**We gather here, knowing we don't need to have all the answers**

Come, let us worship God together.

# I am the Light of the World

*Refrain*



"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you



follow and love you'll learn the mystery of



what you were meant to do and be.



When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the



kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the



work of Christmas is begun:

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**Hymn Vu 512      Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

## **Prayer of Confession (unison)\***

**Gracious God, source of love and forgiveness, surrounded by your spirit, you invite us to walk your path of compassion, justice and whole-hearted living everyday. Yet we often lose our focus, and turn our attention towards those things that distract us from your vision of peace for our world. Encourage and remind us that no matter our struggles, we do not walk or struggle alone, for Christ is our constant companion, in whose name we pray.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

## **Words of Assurance**

*Following the words of assurance, the children are welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music, and are invited to return during the service of communion.*

**Anthem** For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

**Scripture Reading:** Lynn E. Soens

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8; 13

Luke 4: 21-30

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

**Hymn** VU 480 Let Us Break Bread Together

## **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

### Behold, I Make All Things New



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -  
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -  
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my  
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

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## 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 sorry, 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**

*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 VU 333      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

**Choral Close** (please remain standing for the choral close, as you are able)

## GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world." The first staff begins with the word "Refrain".

## Organ Postlude

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

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### **February 17 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **Jeremiah 17:5–10**

Those who trust in God are like trees planted by water.

#### **Psalm 1** (VU p. 724)

Blessed are those who follow God's law.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:12–20**

How can you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

#### **Luke 6:17–26**

The Beatitudes upon the plain.

To Ponder - What do each of the beatitudes or blessings mean in your life?