

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

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

Organ prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

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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

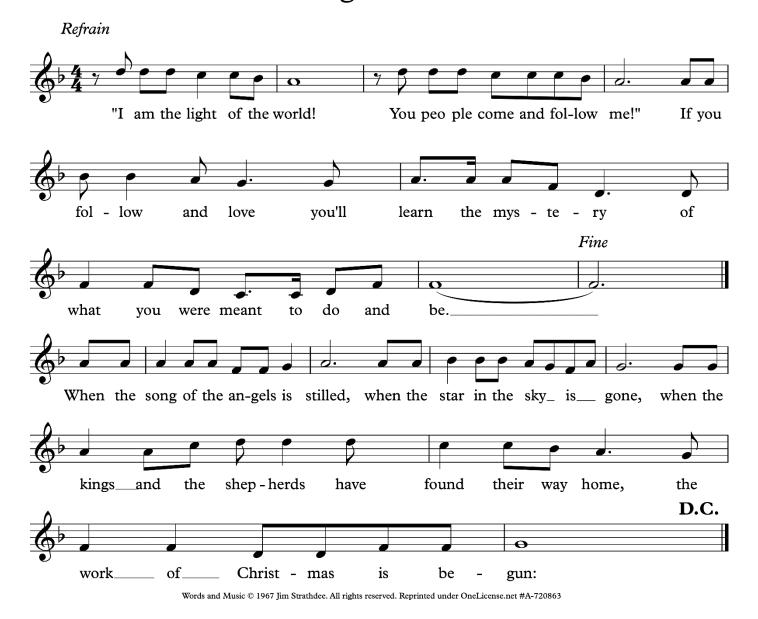
When uncertain about what to do, or what is for the best

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



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

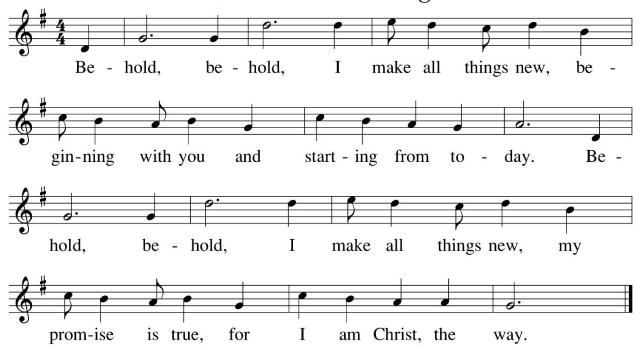
Prayers of the People

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





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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 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.

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



Organ Postlude

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

Worship materials for the Baptism of the Lord Sunday to the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany were contributed by James Ravenscroft and Barry Peters, Richmond Hill P.C., Richmond Hill, Ont.

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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?