



# Remembering Celebrating Imagining Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

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## **Sunday Worship**

**Westminster Church**

The United Church of Canada

**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Celebration of Communion**

*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, Lord God Almighty Vs 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\***

In the beginning,  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,  
before there was,

**God was.**

Here and now,  
among us, beside us,  
awakening the earth for the purposes of heaven,

**God is.**

In the future,  
in our future and beyond our future,  
when all we know has found fulfillment,

**God will be.**

Not denying the world but delighting in it,  
not understanding the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**God was, God is, God always will be. Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn** VU 678      For the Healing of the Nations

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

**God of intention and invitation we often find ourselves on an unexpected journey with you; one that promises abundance, but demands risk. The path before us today – the path you offer us always - promises new life, but also asks us to set aside old habits and life-limiting ways. Grant us the wisdom, we pray, to discern your spirit’s call, and to not just drift into the “next” thing. Help us be intentional in our lives, in our faith, and in choosing the best way forward. Grant us the courage to step into our future, knowing it is your future - for us and for the world. Help us move forward with intention and abandon and hope.....We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who knew what lay ahead, but risked his future for love anyway.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## **Words of Assurance**

**Anthem**            Come to the Table

by Elizabeth Lowman

**Scripture Reading**            Katherine Abra

Psalm 139 (VU 861)

Mark 2: 23- 3: 6

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

## 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      MV 42 Praise God for This Holy Ground Vs 1

**Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God's goodness is eternal.**

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## Prayer of Dedication

### Celebration of Communion

#### INVITATION

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: As we come to this Table let us do so with spirits free and hearts open; let us take a moment to offer one another the Peace of Christ...

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May the God of Pentecost time be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: People of Pentecost, open your hearts to the Spirit moving in our midst.

**All: We open them to the Breath of God which fills us with hope and grace.**

One: Daughters and sons of the Most Holy, offer your joy to our God.

**All: We sing the song of Pentecost in the language of every heart - praise and thanksgiving to our God!**

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,  
filling our lungs with Spirit's life.**

One: But drunk on the new 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,  
you looked upon us in compassion,  
and gave to the world the person of Jesus.  
to restore us to life with you.

And so, with your people here on earth,  
and with the company of heaven,  
in every language, and in every heart,  
we proclaim your goodness:

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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

.....to remember him by sharing bread and wine.

We remember how he took the bread, broke, blessed and offered it saying

**All: "Take eat; remember me"**

One: And we remember when he took the wine, poured, blessed and offered it saying

**All: "Take drink; remember me"**

One: As we come to this Table we remember his promise to always be with us

Baptized by the Holy Spirit,

and purified in the fire of truth and humble service,

we sing of that faith which is ours:

**All: The Spirit testifies that Christ died for us.**

**The Spirit bears witness that Christ was raised.**

**The Spirit proclaims that Christ will come again.**

One: As Christ promised, you have poured out your Holy Spirit upon your people and upon the gifts of the bread and the cup.....

.....sisters from every time,

brothers from every place,

we will sing our praises to you forever,

God in Community, Holy in One.

This is our prayer and we offer together the words Jesus taught his followers to say, saying...

**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.**

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(Solo The Call by R.V. Williams

given by Fred Simpson)

Prayer after communion (unison)

**We thank you God, for the gifts you give us: for the bread of our being loved, for the wine of our joy, for our life together as a community called to do the work of love and justice. And now we pray that, having been renewed and encouraged at this table, surrounded and strengthened by the gift of your Spirit, may we be wine and bread to each other and the world. Amen**

**Hymn VU 260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness**

### **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

As we go from this place,  
may we follow the path of Christ with our lives:  
May we live simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly,  
Act with gentle-hearted courage,  
and leave the rest of God.

**Amen and Amen.**

**Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings Vs 1**

**May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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### **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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## Lectionary Readings

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June 10 – Third after Pentecost - *Proper 5*

**1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12–15); 16–20, (11:14–15)** - Appoint a king for Israel.

**Psalms 138** (VU p. 860) - I praise God with all my heart.

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1** - Our inner nature is renewed day by day.

**Mark 3:20–35** - Who gives Jesus his power?

To Ponder

What is your understanding of power? What power do you feel you have? Whom do you see as powerful leaders? Why?