



...and they caught 153 fish... Artist Rev. Robert L. Burton

# Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

*celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community*

Sunday Nov. 3, 2019

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Anniversary Sunday*

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

## Organ Prelude

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Welcome and News

**Introit** MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell**

**and all can safely live,**

**a place where saints and children tell**

**how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,**

**rock of faith and vault of grace;**

**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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**Call to Worship\*** (\*Written by Bev Leadbeater. *Gathering*, Pentecost 2, 2019, page 48. Used with permission. Adapted)

We gather here this morning in God's presence and in the midst of the communion of saints

**We remember all who have gone before us in the church.**

We give thanks for their faith and commitment in their time

**As we carry on God's vision in new ways.**

Let us join our hearts and voices with the saints throughout all time and place

**As we worship God together!**

Hymn VU 705 For All the Saints vs 1,3,6

**Prayer of Confession\*\*** \*\* David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year C* Wood Lake Books Inc 2003 pg186-88

Sometimes we have lost our way, O God  
**We know the right course of action, but lack the courage to follow through**

Sometimes we have missed the cue, O God  
**We are aware of what needs to be said, but are afraid of the consequences.**

Sometimes we have labeled others unfairly, O God  
**We are quick to judge, slow to accept the worth of the person.**

Sometimes we have avoided the challenge O God  
**The call to justice or compassion comes clearly but we let it pass.**

Sometimes we have been unfaithful, O God  
**The example of Jesus Christ is before us but we deny our path of discipleship....**

***Moment of silence for personal reflection.***

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** We Praise you, O God by Anna Laura Page

**Children's Time**

**The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, and conversation.

## **Scripture Readings:**

Doug Abra

Luke 19: 1-10

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

**Hymn** VU 229      God of the Sparrow

## **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 236      Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\* (unison)**

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts  
from the work of our hands to the work of your church,  
for the encouragement of all people and creation,  
with the love of Christ in our hearts.**

**Bless these gifts, and our lives, Amen**

\*\*Written by John van de Laar (adapted); found on [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)

## The Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (Unison, spoken)

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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Hymn MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

### Commissioning and Sending Forth

To each one of us the words are given “*you are loved*”; and “*follow me*”.  
**May we live those words in all we say and do.**

Let us go out these doors and into this week with the assurance  
the love of God surrounds us, the peace of the Christ encourages us,  
and the gift of the Spirit lifts us this day and always. Amen.

### Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



### Organ Postlude

**Lectionary Readings** (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p. 23. Used with permission.*)

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**Haggai 1:15b—2:9**

God will shake things up; there will be new splendour.

**Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21** (VU p. 866)

Every day I will bless God's name.

**Psalm 98** (VU p. 818)

Sing a new song to God.

**2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17**

Let no one deceive you; stand fast in the traditions.

**Luke 20:27–38**

A woman marries seven brothers; whose wife is she in resurrection?

**To Ponder**

What rebuilding is God calling us to work together on?