

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 8

August 4, 2019

10:30 am

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
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

This is the day that God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn VU 175 This Is the Day That God Has Made

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God,
we acknowledge and
confess in your presence
the smallness of our love,
the narrowness of our concern,
the denial of our true humanity.**

**Through our careless hands have slipped
opportunities not taken,
people not cared for,
days not celebrated.**

**We are ashamed and sorry for the ways of our unfaithfulness,
and ask for reassurance and forgiveness.**

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 1-12

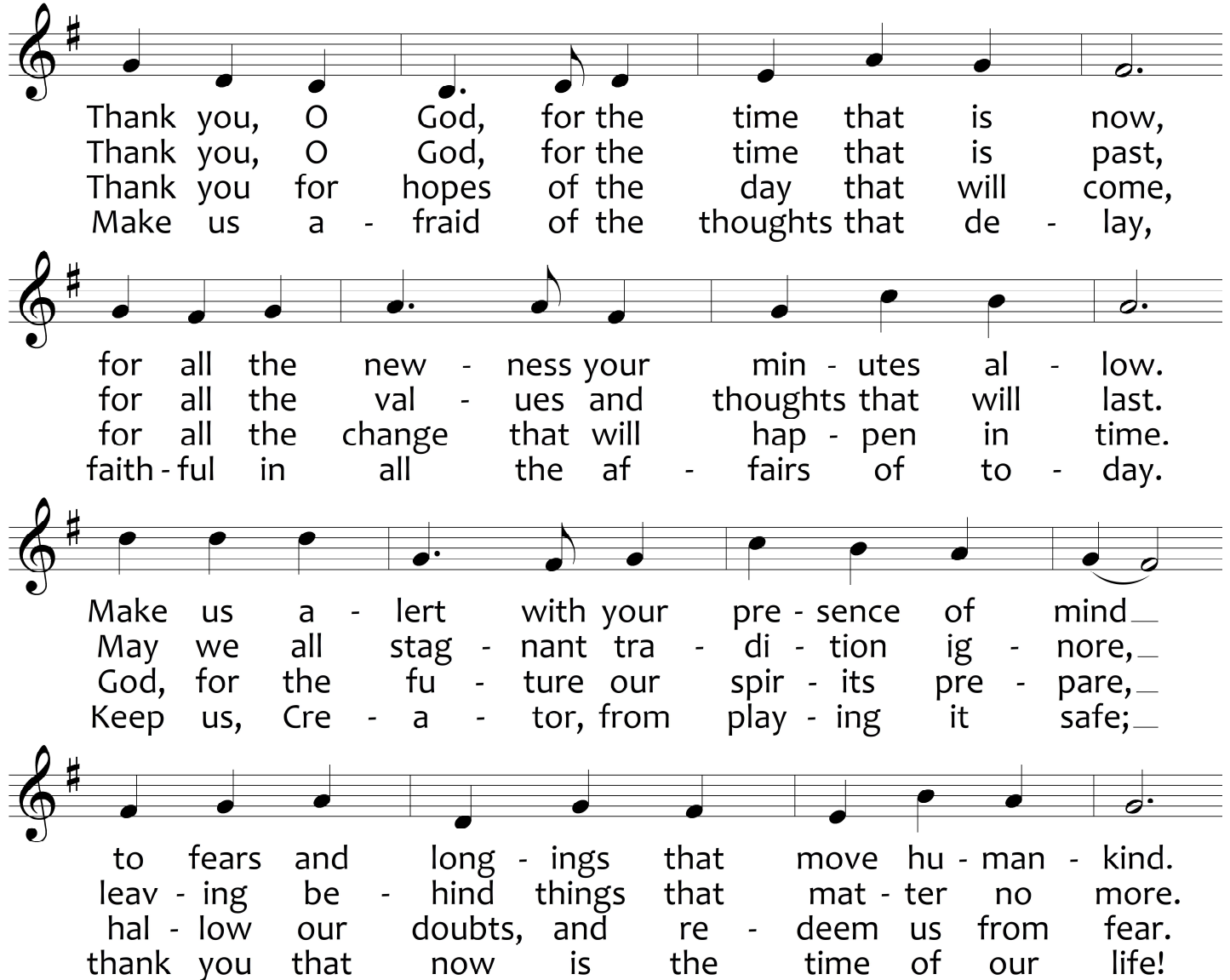
Reader: Rita Menzies

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Thank You, O God, for the Time That Is Now

(HB 205)



Thank you, O God, for the time that is now,
Thank you, O God, for the time that is past,
Thank you for hopes of the day that will come,
Make us a - fraid of the thoughts that de - lay,
for all the new - ness your min - utes al - low.
for all the val - ues and thoughts that will last.
for all the change that will hap - pen in time.
faith - ful in all the af - fairs of to - day.
Make us a - lert with your pre - sence of mind—
May we all stag - nant tra - di - tion ig - nore,—
God, for the fu - ture our spir - its pre - pare,—
Keep us, Cre - a - tor, from play - ing it safe;—
to fears and long - ings that move hu - man - kind.
leav - ing be - hind things that mat - ter no more.
hal - low our doubts, and re - deem us from fear.
thank you that now is the time of our life!

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Message “Just a Minute”

Rev. Peter Douglas

Solo “Qui Sedes” from *Gloria* by Vivaldi

Erica Wiebe

You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

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)

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow:

by your generosity we have received

all that we have and all that we are.

Grant that we may so use

the things which you have entrusted to our care,

that we may become more and more your children

in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 VU 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Commissioning and Sending Forth (unison)

Eternal God,
you call us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (Gathering, PENTECOST 2019, p.22. Used with permission.)

Worship materials for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost to the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost were contributed by Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont.

August 11 – Ninth after Pentecost (Proper 14)

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Come, let's argue it out, says God to Israel.

Psalms 50:1–8, 22–23 (VU p. 775)

God the Almighty has spoken.

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.

Luke 12:32–40

Do not worry about what to eat or what to wear.

To Ponder

What is your biggest fear or worry right now? How do you react to being told, "Don't worry"?