



# Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

*Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**Pentecost**

**Service of Communion**

**10:30 am**

*Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**

**Christ Candle is lit**

**Welcome and News**

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

*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\***

One: Holy God, we give you thanks for your presence in our lives.

**ALL: We give thanks for the gift of your creation;**

One: for the gift of friends and family

**ALL: for the gift of stories;**

One: for the gifts of learning and knowledge

**ALL: for the gifts of questions and doubt;**

One: for the gift of enthusiasm

**ALL: and for the gift of your Spirit**

One: For all we understand at this moment in our lives, and for all that remains a mystery; for your loving presence and your breath of life and hope and challenge in our lives and living....

**ALL: In gratitude for these gifts, we come to give you thanks.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Hymn** VU 194 Filled With the Spirit's Power

**Prayer of Confession\*\***

Imaginative God, give us just a spark on this day,

**to kindle our smoldering apathy until we burst into bonfires of compassion**

**to melt the injustice which threatens to consume the world.**

Holy Poet of Pentecost, give us just a word on this day,

**so that we might be the voice of those dispersed by fears,**

**and proclaim the good news to all we would meet.**

Shattering Spirit, give us just a cool breeze this day,

**to stir us and shake us until we become like storms of hope,**

**clearing away the despair from all our neighborhoods and lands.**

God in Community, be with us always we pray... ..

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Words of Assurance\*\***

**The Anthem**

Be Thou My Vision

by Mark Hayes

**Scripture Readings:**

Acts 2: 1-21

John 20: 19-23

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** ...*filled with the Holy Spirit*....

**Hymn MV 161**

I Have Called You by Your Name

**Prayers of the People**

**Collection of Offerings**

*After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.*

**Offertory**

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication\*\***

## Celebration of Communion

Communion Setting E (VU 942-43)

### INVITATION

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May the God of Pentecost be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: God's spirit is with us.

**All: Let us open our hearts to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: We do praise you and thank you, loving God - for all the many things you have done for us, your people.

You created the universe,

Planted in it a garden

Filled with plants and rocks,

Animals and people.

**All: And you invited them all to live together with respect and in peace and harmony.**

One: You made covenants with your rebellious people, over and over again. No matter how often they walked away from you to follow their own path, you remained steadfast, your Spirit always present, breathing into them the promise of new life, and the vision of a community where all had enough.

**All: A vision of community rooted in love and peace and generosity.**

One: *You heard the cries of your people... ..*

*...and so with all the saints of every time and place, we join to proclaim your goodness, singing...*

**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.**

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

*And so, we remember Jesus, and we remember how he took the bread, broke and blessed it, and offered it to his friends, saying -*

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

*One: And we remember when he took the wine, poured and blessed it and offered it to his friends, saying -*

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

*One: As we come to this Table we remember his promise to always be with us, and so empowered to live a Spirit-filled life, we sing of that faith which is ours:*

**Memorial Acclamation**

**VU 943**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*One: As Christ promised, you have poured out your Holy Spirit... ..*

*... .. sisters from every time, brothers from every place, we will sing our praises to you forever, God in Community, Holy in One... ..*

**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....*

**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**

### **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 compassion. And now - having been renewed and encouraged  
at this table, surrounded and strengthened by the gift of your Spirit – help us be  
wine and bread to each other and the world. Amen**

**Hymn VU 198 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us**

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

### **Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings (sung once)**

**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.**

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

*\* Written by Jane O. Sorenson, in Before the Amen, edited by Maren C. Tirabassi and Maria I. Tirabassi. The Pilgrim Press, 2007. p.99 (Adapted)*

*\*\*Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca> 2017(adapted)*

## ***Lectionary Readings for Sunday June 11, 2017***

***Genesis 1:1-2:4a***

***Psalm 8***

***2 Corinthians 13:11-13***

***Matthew 28:16-20***