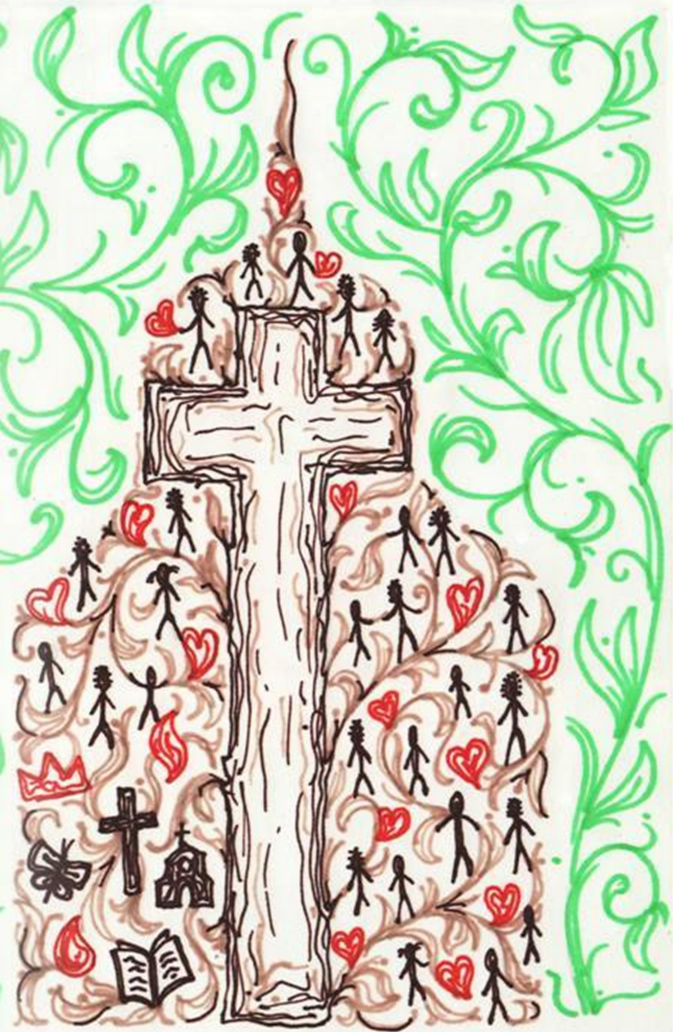


One Mature Body

Ephesians 4:1-16



Sunday Worship
Westminster Church
The United Church of Canada

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

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

It is time to stop rushing,
to rest our lives in the love of God.

I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits and in God’s word do I trust.

It is time to let go of frustration or fear,
to let go of doubt or despondency.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than night watchmen wait for the morning,
yes, more than watchmen long for the morning.

Let all people put their hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is faithful love,
with God there is plentiful redemption.

Hymn VU 274 “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

Prayer of Confession

“If you, God, should count our iniquities, who would be left standing? But with you there is forgiveness and we stand in awe of such grace.”

Brainwashed though we are by the false values and brazen deceits of this world, we come to you, most merciful God, seeking your saving intervention in our lives.

**Without you we slither further down into error and shady-ness;
with you we are uplifted towards light and truth.**

Without you we either wallow in shame or in vain self-justification;
with you we find catharsis, hope and peace.

Please forgive those sins of which we are keenly aware, and forgive us those sins which escape our recognition at the present time.

Deliver us from both sin and stupidity, and sharpen our ability to know ourselves better and to know you more surely and comprehensively as the God of our salvation.

Through Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

People of God, in the name of Christ Jesus, I declare to you: God is our salvation.

Out of God's fullness we have received grace upon grace.

The Peace

May the peace of the saving Christ be with you all.

And also with you. Let us pass the peace.

Hymn VU 560 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

Janice Anderson

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Good Old Days”

Don McIntyre

Solo

“El Shaddai/Thy Word” by Amy Grant
given by Stephen Haiko-Pena

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

Blessed are you, gracious God: you have called us into this community of faith at this time. You touch our hearts with hope, so that we long to see the day of your salvation.

Accept, now, these gifts we bring. Enable us to use them for the coming of your new community.

Prayers of the People

God of love and mercy, you have called us and all your children into one family through the resurrection of your Son Jesus. By his gracious presence, we look with new eyes at the whole human family

in its brokenness and pain. We seek your strength and determination to embrace them, love them, heal them, and share with them your great good news of hope and new life.

Hear us as we lift to you our deepest needs, our pressing burdens, our fears and hopes. Be near us, we pray, as your people. Help us to receive your many gifts with gratitude and faithful stewardship.

We pray for those who suffer pain or illness, for the lonely and despairing, for the lost and worn and battered of our world. And we lift to you the leaders of this and every nation, community and faith, that they would be guided by your spirit, and aware of the needs, especially of the least, of their people.

We pray for those whose lives are closely linked to our own

and for our own needs, which we offer to you in faith. To the sick, O Lord, give your healing; to the grieving, give hope; to the dying, give your peace; and to all of us, O God, give faith to go forth from this place, determined to live in the light of your good news in Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we offer to you our prayers and our lives.

Lord's Prayer

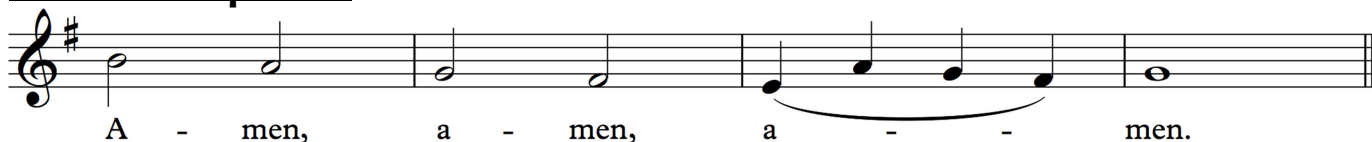
**Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 512 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Go and join Christ in the world, healing and speaking words of freedom, witnessing to the sacred in the midst of life.

Choral Response “Amen”



Organ Postlude

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

Lectionary Readings: August 12 – Twelfth after Pentecost – Proper 14

Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2018, page 26. Used with Permission.

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2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

David's son Absalom dies.

Psalms 130 (VU pp. 852–853)

Out of the depths I cry to God.

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

John 6:35, 41–51

I am the bread of life.

To Ponder:

What emotions do you bring to the communion table? Hope, excitement, unworthiness, love? Picture yourself as part of the very long line of people who have come to the table for countless generations.