



# Sunday Worship Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada  
Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019  
10:30 am



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## Organ Prelude

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Welcome and News

**Introit** MV 28 God of the Bible Verse 1, plus refrain

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

**Refrain** Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)

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## Call to Worship

In the streets, in the coffee shop, in our workplace or school, in the busyness of daily living, we meet Christ  
**and we are changed.**

At home, with family, with friends, we experience Christ  
**and we are changed.**

In unexpected places, in times of solitude and reflection, in moments of creativity and inspiration, in holy moments, we encounter Christ  
**and we are changed.**

We are here. Seeking...hopeful...open to new possibilities. Let us worship God.

Hymn VU 210

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, Stripped of might up -  
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, Sit in po - wer  
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace - ma - ker and sword-brin - ger  
 on the cross, Shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wort - hy your de - feat and vict' - ry.



Of the way you took and gave. You, the e - ver -  
 Beg - gar'd by a sol - diers toss, You, the e - ver -  
 Have a love that rea - ches wide. You, the e - ver -  
 Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the e - ver -



las - ting in - stant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 las - ting in - stant; You, who are our gift and cost.  
 las - ting in - stant; You, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 las - ting in - stant; You, who are our death and life.

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

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. God of seaside breakfasts, daily you offer us the way out of our messy lives. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may

**spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus the Christ, the one who followed your path of peace and love....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Words of Assurance**

**Anthem**

River in Judea

arr. John Leavitt

## **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, conversation and sometimes even music.*

**Scripture Reading**      Jennifer Turner

Acts 9: 1-6

John 21: 1-19

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

## Collection of Offerings

*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.*

## Offertory

### Offering Doxology MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.**

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## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayer 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 245** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

**Choral Response** You Shall Go Out with Joy x2

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.**

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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.*

*\*Thom Shuman <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/> (adapted)*

## **May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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### **Acts 9:36–43**

Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) to life.

### **Psalm 23 (VU pp. 747–749)**

God is my shepherd.

### **Revelation 7:9–17**

The saints of God will never hunger or thirst again.

### **John 10:22–30**

My sheep listen to my voice.

### **To Ponder**

What image best describes what you do as a follower of Jesus?