



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, August 6, 2017

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

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

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

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*

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me. (Matt.10:40)

So let us worship the power of God working in us.

Hymn VU 226 For The Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, You call us to be Your church,

But we confess we find it hard to always be aware of Your presence.

Loving and serving others in Your name is always more complicated
than we expect.

**We are not sure that we greet everyone in your name when we react
with anger or as strangers.**

Help us to reflect a deeper harmony that is possible when we call on
You to assist us in being the kind of Christians You intend as a sign of
Your presence in the world.

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

As we are forgiven, so may we forgive.

Be at peace with God and with each other, knowing God loves us all.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you

Scripture Reading: Bob Burton

Isaiah 63:7-9

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing

Message “Hospitality” Rev. Don McIntyre

Solo On Eagle’s Wings by Michael Joncas, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
given by Dawn Beirnes

Offertory

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.

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 - Our Saviour's Prayer

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of Your love through our offerings.

Grant courage to those who are hurt or lonely,
endurance to those who must care for others as sick family members or those who mourn. Give wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank You for gifts of love we receive from mothers, fathers, spouses, children, companions and friends. As we have been loved and felt welcome so may we love.

Grant us Your peace, through the Christ who inspires our faith. **Amen**

Hymn VU 681 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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.*

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

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Lectionary Readings for August 13, 2017 from the Gathering

Tenth after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 - Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers.

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b (VU pp. 828–829 Parts One and Two) - Remembering Joseph.

Romans 10:5–15 - The Word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

Matthew 14:22–33 - Jesus walks across stormy waters.

To Ponder

Think of a situation in your life in which one choice or one person's actions changed the situation, for worse or for better.