



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 17

Service of Communion, Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 6, 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 MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

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

Light, love and freedom are gifts of God.

We come in peace.

Bread, wine and friendship are gifts of Christ.

We come in joy.

Wisdom, compassion and grace are gifts of the Spirit.

We come in hope.

Let us worship God.

Hymn VU 601 The Church of Christ in Every Age

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, as we gather to share bread around this table today, we pause and remember other tables, other times. Too often we worry about things that do not matter, and do not see your grace and bounty blazing in abundance through our lives. We yearn for a deeper connection with you, but struggle to root ourselves in a spirit of gratitude. Forgive us these things, and set us on the path of peace and love again.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

O Taste and See

by Richard Grieg

Scripture Reading

Reader: Shannon MacFarlane

Luke 17: 5-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Hymn VU 460

All Who Hunger

Prayers of the People

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)

**Holy god, accept these gifts
and the gifts that are our lives,
and with these gifts, may we and this church
be signs of your love and compassion in the world. Amen.**

Celebration of Communion

Communion Setting E (VU 942-43)

The Invitation

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and Praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise....

... into your way of justice and compassion, we gather with those in every time and place to give you praise and glory:

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.

Mighty and tender God, it is in Jesus of Nazareth that we witness the fullness of your grace.....

... .. waiting in hope for his coming again, as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

VU 943

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

Send, Oh God.....

*... .. all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.*

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, saying*

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

**Holy One, may we who have gathered at this table remember that we are part
of the body of Christ throughout this world, and we are one small part of this
entire eco-system called planet earth. May who we are, and how we live
reveal the light and love of Christ to all we meet. May our hearts be open, our
words filled with grace, our lives be lived in gratitude, and our actions
grounded in compassion and hope. Amen.**

Hymn VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings *(Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 13. Used with permission.)*

Worship materials for Thanksgiving Sunday to All Saints' Day were contributed by Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont.

October 13 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Creation Time 6 in the Season of Pentecost - Proper 23

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Bring tithes; a wandering Aramean was my ancestor.

Psalm 100 (VU pp. 820–824)

Make a joyful noise for God.

Philippians 4:4–9

The peace of God that passes all understanding.

John 6:25–35

Give us bread from heaven for eternal life.

To Ponder

How do you show and share your joy?