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Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday May 7, 2017

Easter 4

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

One: You bring us together, O God, as a shepherd gathers the flock.

All: Your care for us is wholehearted.

One: You sustain us, O God, in the testing situations of life.

All: Your strength is our endurance.

One: You are our steadfast companion, O God, when we feel most alone.

All: Your compassion for us is without end.

Prayer of Approach*

For the Spirit that calls us here and draws us to this place

ALL: We give thanks

For the moments we have shared with others;
for the times when we have reached out across barriers of distance
and fear;
and for the times when others have reached out to us:

All: We give thanks.

Holy God, as we come together in worship this morning,
we bring our many different lives and many different experiences,
but we are here together - seeking to be reminded of your abundant,
compassionate, hope-filled vision for our world, and for each of us in
our lives....

All: And we give thanks.

Hymn VU 559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Anthem Forever be Praised

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Scripture Readings: Judy Hill

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 23 (VU 749, refrain 2)

John 10: 1-10

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Message ... and they devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers... ..

Solo All In the Name of Jesus by Stephen R. Adams arr. by Lloyd Larson given by Rebecca McIntosh

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

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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.**

Hymn

569 You Call Us Out

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.*

** Rex Hunt liturgies 2011(adapted)*

Lectionary Readings for Sunday May 14, 2017

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14