



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 8, 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

Each new day is a gift. Each new phase of life brings generous possibilities.

Each new question brings learning and growth. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

Hymn VU 637 Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me

Prayer of Confession

As we enter into this sacred place, assist us to put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts.

Help us to yearn for Your presence as a pathway to life's fullness. Though we are often wounded and hurt in this fractured world we discover that this world also has its source of healing as we tap into that power that flows into us.

In these brief moments of silence may we find strength. May our lives be rich in affection for others and deep in understanding and sympathy for each other.

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

May you know forgiveness and stand tall as a tree.

May you be gentle with yourself and with others as the morning mist. Be assured the kingdom of love is coming to you and for others because of your faith.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace and ask, “Do I know someone who needs to know they are loved.”

Scripture Reading

Mark 6: 1-13

Bob Burton

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 126 Are You a Shepherd?

Message “Learning to Trust”

Rev. Don McIntyre

Solo Alleluia from ‘Exultate Jubilate’
(given by Merina Perry)

Mozart

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 (unison)

God of all peoples and God of all places we present these offerings and with them our varied ministries that each of us as Canadians and Christian may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world.

Prayers of the People

In all our joys and in all our concerns may we be mindful of the presence of Your sacred presence among us and a 'Higher Power' assisting us to see new possibilities of the now.

May the truth that guides us and the ground from which our future will grow be centered on this prayer which encourages us to forgive as we trespass against others. Let us pray:

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 608 Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

Commissioning and Sending Forth

May we remember that each day offers more things than we can do. May we be at peace with what we can be and do.

Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings, vs. 1

**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.**

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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.

Lectionary Readings: July 15 – Eighth after Pentecost – Proper 10

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2 Samuel 6: 1–5, 12b–19

David brings the ark to Jerusalem.

Psalm 24 (VU pp. 750–751)

The earth is God's and all that is in it.

Ephesians 1: 3–14

Adopted through Christ and given an inheritance.

Mark 6:14–29

The death of John the Baptist.

To Ponder

What is the cost of speaking truth to power in our place and time? How have you experienced such cost?