



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church
celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday Oct. 8, 2017
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House vs. 5

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words with-in the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Call to Worship/Approach

We come to you, O God,
in thanksgiving for the gift of this beautiful land,
a land whose harvest feeds us and can feed the world.

We come to you in thanksgiving for the gift of faith,
faith that we nurture and celebrate here in this place;
faith that is lived out in the lives of your people across our world.
We come to you in thanksgiving for the gift of community,
**community that strengthens, challenges, struggles, supports and
loves,**

We come to you in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus,
the One whom we choose to follow.

Be with us now as we worship with joy and gratitude. Amen.

Hymn VU 516 Come, You Thankful People Come

Prayer of Confession (unison)*

**Forgive us, Gracious God, for our reluctance
to share**

and our easy acceptance of the way things are.

**Forgive us for the irreverent ways we treat
your gifts
and the way we take what we have for granted.
Remind us that we trust in your mercy
when we seek to be merciful to others;
that we trust in your forgiveness
when we seek to forgive others;
and we trust in your love
when we seek to love others....**

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance**

Friends, we hear this good news:

God knows the deepest prayers of our hearts –
even when we fail to speak the words.

Generous and gracious lives are all God yearns from us
in return.

Let us live such lives of generous gratitude
and reveal such grace in our life together.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Anthem

All Good Gifts

arr. David Schwoebel

Scripture Readings: Janice Anderson

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 297 All Praise to You

Message ...giving thanks...

Solo The Goodness of God
given by Fred Simpson

- C. P. E. Bach

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

Statement of Faith (VU 918)

The Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response VU 639 One More Step

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

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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.*

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Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 15 – from Gathering

Nineteenth after Pentecost

Proper 23

Worship materials for October 15 to November 1 were contributed by Nora Vedress, Calvary U.C., Prince Albert, Sask.

Exodus 32:1–14 - Worshipping the golden calf.

Isaiah 25:1–9 - God provides a feast on the mountain.

Philippians 4:1–9 - Rejoice in God always; again, I say, rejoice.

Matthew 22:1–14 - Violence at the wedding banquet.

To Ponder

What is your best way of praying and your best place or time to pray?