



## Westminster Church Walkathon Participants: Big Steps for Little Kids

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# Sunday Worship

## Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

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**Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 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 28 God of the Bible Verse 1, plus refrain  
**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

**Refrain** Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
**God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)**

### **Call to Worship\***

Come, Holy, Spirit

**Move in us and through us.**

Come as whispers of hope around the corner of despair  
and like shouts of joy at a graduation -

**You are with us in every place.**

In the sweet breath of a baby and the remembrances of the elderly -  
**You speak to us through every person.**

As soft breezes on a summer's day and bitter winds through frozen trees  
- **You are with us in every season.**

In the gentle lullabies of a new parent and as the birds twitter us awake -  
**You sing to us glad songs.**

In the sudden rush of newness and creative possibility that emerges from  
chaos; in the throwing open of our sheltered fears; and breaking down  
the walls of oppression -

**You sweep us up in your commitment  
to transform all lives, all places.**

In every breath, in every song,  
in every moment, in every word -

**You dance around us; you enliven and transform us, and we give thanks!**

**Hymn VU 198**      Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

**Prayer of Confession\***

Gracious God, your Spirit moves over the waters, yet we choose to splash in puddles of distraction instead. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we turn our backs and hold our breath instead. You offer us words to bring hope to the despairing and healing to the broken and the angry, yet we ignore them and you instead.

**Gracious One, forgive us for those times. May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry within us. May your Spirit sing hope in our hearts, and breathe strength and peace in our living, so that we may dance with joy in all we do.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Assurance\***

In every breath we take, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every word we speak, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every heart we touch, **there is the Spirit;**  
in every person we welcome, **there is the Spirit.**

In forgiveness and love, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Anthem**      Come My Way, My Truth, My Life      arr. Hal Hopson

**Scripture Reading**      Judy Hill

Acts 2: 1-21

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** MV 150      Spirit God, Be Our Breath

## **Message**

**Solo**      Deep River      arr. H. Burleigh      given by Fred Simpson

## **Collection of Offerings**

### **Offertory**

**Offering Doxology** MV 154    Deep in Our Hearts

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;**

**deep in our hearts there is a common song;**

**deep in our hearts there is a common story,**

**telling Creation that we are one.**

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### **Prayer of Dedication( unison)**

**Holy God, accept these gifts and the gifts that are our lives, and with these gifts may your kingdom come, your will be done and your peace and hope be made known throughout the world. Amen.**

## Prayer of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 207 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth**

### Commissioning and Sending Forth

**Choral Response You Shall Go Out with Joy x2**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.**

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### Organ Postlude

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**June 16** – Trinity Sunday

**Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 - Wisdom’s part in Creation.**

**Psalms 8 (VU pp. 730–732) - How glorious is God’s name.**

**Romans 5:1–5 - Suffering-endurance-character-hope does not disappoint.**

**John 16:12–15 - The Spirit of Truth.**

**To Ponder**

When have you been confronted by a surprising or discomfoting truth? How did you react?