



# **Sunday Worship**

**Westminster Church**

**The United Church of Canada**

*Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**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.  
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God always faithful, you do not change.*

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## **Call to Worship\***

We gather in this sacred place to find God in reverence and in awe.

**We come seeking to be inspired.**

We gather in this ordinary place to find God in everyday life events.

**We come seeking to be surprised.**

We gather in this prayer-soaked place to find God in each other.

**We come to worship, seeking community, connection and peace.**

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Hymn VU 291** All Things Bright and Beautiful *refrain on verses 1,3,5 only*

## **Prayer of Confession**

Into the dryness of our troubled world,

**God sends a soaking shower of blessings**

Into the anxiety, concerns, worries that surrounds us in our living

**God breathes the calm of compassion**

Into the struggle of human relationships, and faith community

**God brings the searching light of hope**

Into the uncertainties, the wondering,



**Message** .....love your neighbour as yourself... ..

**Solo** Acquaint Now Thyself with Him by Michael  
**Head**  
given by Fred Simpson

### **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 36 Glory to God**

**One:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

**All:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

**One:** To God be glory forever!

**All:** To God be glory forever!

**One:** Alleluya, amen!

**All:** Alleluya, amen! x 4

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

**God from whom all blessings flow  
Accept these gifts that we offer to you this day,  
and may all our gifts  
help build your kingdom of peace,  
and help proclaim your good news  
of love and compassion for all creation.  
In the name of Christ we pray, amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**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 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Kingsfold)**

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**

**Choral Response VU 623 Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design  
Let eyes that in the plainest cloth  
a hidden beauty see  
discern in us our richest hues,  
show us the patterns we may use  
to set our spirits free,  
to set our sprits free.**

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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: September 16 – Seventeenth after Pentecost**

**Creation Time 2 in the Season of Pentecost - Proper 19**

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**Proverbs 1:20–33** - Wisdom cries in the streets.

**Psalms 19** (VU pp. 740–741) - The heavens declare the glory of God.

**James 3:1–12** - Not many of you should be teachers of God's word.

**Mark 8:27–38** - Who do people say that I am? **To Ponder** - If you were to keep score of words used at a church meeting, which would score higher: words of wisdom or words that wound?