

# Sunday Worship

## Westminster United Church

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday Sept. 10, 2017**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Baptism**

**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 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\***

Here in this place, we gather

**To sing, to pray, to listen**

Here we can question, doubt, challenge, and wonder

**Here we seek the Wisdom of the Holy**

**and open ourselves to Holy Mystery**

Come, let us worship

## **Prayer of Approach**

Hymn VU 240      Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

## **Prayer of Confession\*\* (unison)**

**Holy God, how often have we looked to the ways of the world, focused our attention on selfish gain and worried about what others think? How often do we put our own desires above all else – for worldly success, for things, for position, for status – and then turn our backs or step on others along the way. How often have we left behind our neighbours in need? Forgive us for those times, we pray. Open our hearts so that we may follow your call to love our neighbours as ourselves. In Christ’s name we pray...**

***Moment of silence for personal confession.***

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## **Words of Assurance**

We may wander but the light of God’s love will lighten the path before us and show us the way. We are loved. We are upheld. We are forgiven. We can always begin again.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**The Anthem** All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Mark Hayes

**The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)**

Isla Rae Brokopiw

*Daughter of Chandra Rae Bolianaz and Jared Matthew Brokopiw*

*Sister of Jackson and Leighton*

*Godparents: Christina and Darnell Johnson*

**Scripture Readings:** Shannon MacFarlane

Romans 13: 8-14

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

**Meditation** ... *put on the armour of light....*

**Solo** Glorious words and music by Stephanie Mabey

Given by Wes Rambo

**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 191 What Can I Do  
(*words can't be published, please use the MV hymnbook*)

## Prayer of Dedication

## The Prayers of the People

**Hymn** MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

## 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, September 17** – *from Gathering, Pentecost 2*

**September 17 – Fifteenth after Pentecost**

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

*Worship materials for September 17 were contributed by Nicole Beaudry, Bells Corners U.C., Bells Corners, Ont.*

**Exodus 14:19–31** God parts the sea for the Hebrews.

**Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21** (VU p. 876) Miriam and Moses sing the “Song of the Sea.”  
or **Psalm 114** Tremble, O earth.

**Romans 14:1–12** Whether we live or whether we die, we are God’s.

**Matthew 18:21–35** How many times must I forgive?

### **To Ponder**

When have you experienced salvation, emotionally, physically, and/or spiritually?