



Sunday Worship

Westminster
United Church

*celebrating 125 years of ministry
in the community*

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

6th Sunday after Epiphany
and Transfiguration Sunday

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

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

As we gather to worship, we begin with the lighting the Christ Candle, and we remember these words from the gospel of John –

**“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.”**

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*

You are with us, God of sunrises:

**you awaken us with each bright new day,
they overflow with promise.**

You are with us, Inviting God:

**you call us to respond to all the chances, all the moments
to share your spirit of grace and hope.**

You are with us, God of Glory:

**gathering us into the presence of your peace,
and listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.**

You are with us always, God most holy.

Be with us in this time of worship, we pray.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn VU 334 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Reflection/Confession (unison)

**Holy God, it is so peaceful to sit here in this beautiful space, where
your glory shines and your bright vision of justice, compassion, peace
and hope surrounds us. Be with us throughout our days, we pray –
because we know how easily praise, peace, thanksgiving and joy can
give way to fear and silence in our everyday living. And in the
busyness and the worry of the everyday, it is too easy to close our
ears to your call, our hearts to your glory, wonder and beauty in our
world, and close our lives to your way of inspiration and hope. Be
with us we pray.....**

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE

Anthem Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah by Mack Wilberg

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading: Bob Gold

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Mark 9: 2-9

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Message

Solo You Raise me Up words and music by Rølf Lovland
given by Nicki Kirton

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 49 When We Seek Language

**When we seek language to praise you, O God,
all we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd.**

**Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
Phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:**

**Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
Nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
Keener than insight, and stronger than death.**

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Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People and 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 327 All Praise to Thee

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response VU 93 Vs. 1 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

When heaven's bright with mystery
and science searches nature's art,
When all creation yearns for peace
and hope sinks deep in human hearts,
appear to us, O Holy Light,
lift from our eyes the shades of night.

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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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February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Worship materials for Ash Wednesday were contributed by Kathleen James-Cavan, Knox U.C., Langham, Sask.

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 - Return to God with all your heart.

or Isaiah 58:1–12 - The worship that God desires.

Psalms 51:1–17 (VU pp. 776–777) - Put a new heart in me, O God.

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 - Be reconciled to God.

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21 - Practise your faith in secret.

February 18 – Lent

Worship materials for the season of Lent were contributed by Kate Gregory, Belwood-Metz P.C., Belwood, Ont., and Lynn Hamilton, Eramosa P.C., Rockwood, Ont.

Genesis 9:8–17 - The covenant between God and Noah.

Psalms 25:1–10 (VU p. 752) - Lead me in your truth, O God.

1 Peter 3:18–22 - Baptism now saves you.

Mark 1:9–15 - The baptism, temptation, and mission of Jesus.