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Sunday Worship & Communion

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

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

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit VU 315 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”, vs. 1
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Worship

Hymn VU 217 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we live in a world that is skilled at wanting to be in control and values greatly being in charge,

And so, Sabbath God, we do not even know how to be at rest.

We live in a world that highly values productivity and so creates harried, stress-filled lives,

So sometimes Sabbath God, we do not know how to be at peace.

Pause for a moment of quiet contemplation/reflection.

Creator God, help us let go of our many distractions, so we can notice your sacred spirit dwelling within us and around us – breathing life since the dawn of creation.

Grant us courage to walk new paths with you; and open our eyes to the endless depth of your mystery, we pray:

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading John 6: 34-35, 41-51

John Grivell

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 457 “As We Gather at Your Table”

Message “... the bread of life...”

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo

given by the Jo family

Prayers of the People

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 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.

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Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God...

...So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth...

... we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...
... all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.
Amen.

Holy God, hear us now as with one voice we say together the words
Jesus taught his followers to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking and Sharing the Bread and Cup

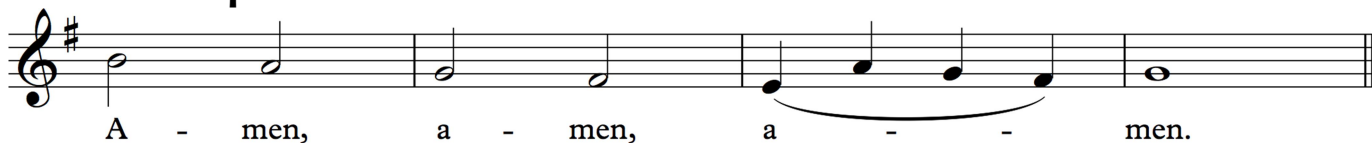
Prayer after Communion (unison)

**We thank you God, for the gifts you give us:
For the bread of being loved, for the wine of joy, and for our life as
this community of faith called to live with hope and intention, love
and compassion. And now that we have been renewed and
encouraged at this table, and strengthened by your Spirit, may we
be wine and bread to the world and all we meet. Amen**

Hymn VU 676 “God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response “Amen”



Organ Postlude

If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.

Lectionary Readings: August 19 – Thirteenth after Pentecost – Proper 15

Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2018, page 29. Used with Permission.

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1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

David's death; Solomon's prayer.

Psalms 111 (VU p. 833)

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15–20

With thanksgiving, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

John 6:51–58

Whoever eats my bread has eternal life.

To Ponder

What does it mean for you to preach the resurrection and eternal life?