

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large bouquet of bright yellow chrysanthemum flowers. The person's face is blurred in the background, and the setting appears to be outdoors with greenery.

# Sunday Worship

**Westminster Church**

**The United Church of Canada**

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter and**

**Christian Family Sunday**

**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\*

We come this morning from our separate homes and family  
circumstances,  
**to unite as God's family and become the whole people of God.**

We come to worship, celebrate and praise God

**Giving thanks for the gift of each other and the gift of community**

Let us worship this day with spirits of joy and love!

**Hymn** VU 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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

**Gracious God, you touch our lives in so many ways. Your love shines  
on in love shared, and in love offered. When we feel less than we are,  
when we are lost, when we are sure we're alone – remind us we are  
wrong. Awake us to your sustaining, challenging, nurturing spirit and  
presence in our midst. Open our ears to your whispered calls to  
follow in your path of love. In Christ's name we pray.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** The Lord is My Shepherd

by Howard Goodall

## **Children's Time**

### **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.*

**Scripture Reading** Susan Hachey

Acts 9: 36 - 43

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** MV 126 Are You a Shepherd?

## **Message**

**Solo** O Lovely Peace from Judas Maccabeus by G.F. Handel  
given by Jennifer Turner and Rebecca McIntosh

## **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

## 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 595 We Are Pilgrims

## 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

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

\*c) *Rev Cindy Cooper, Centennial-Japanese United Church, Toronto, ON (adapted)*

\*\* c) *Richard Bott <http://liturgy.richardbott.com> (adapted)*

## Lectionary Reading

May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Worship materials for the Fifth Sunday of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter were contributed by Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., Komoka, Ont.*

### **Acts 11:1–18**

Peter's vision of unclean animals.

### **Psalm 148** (VU pp. 870–871)

Let the whole creation praise God.

### **Revelation 21:1–6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

### **John 13:31–35**

A new commandment: love one another.

**To Ponder** - What's the difference between a vision, such as Peter's, and what we know as intuition? Which have you experienced?