



# Sunday Worship

## Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**and Christian Family Sunday**

*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\***

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 276      O God Who Shaped Creation

### **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.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Anthem**      O Be Joyful

by Philip Stopford

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture Reading**      Janice Anderson

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**      MV 53      God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie

## **Message**

**Solo**      The Beatitudes  
given by Fred Simpson

by Albert Hay Malotte

## **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

## Prayers of the People

### 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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 642 Be Thou My Vision**

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

### Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings Vs 1

**May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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### Organ and Piano Postlude with Helen LaRue – Piano

**Fantasia on 'Praise to the Lord' by James and Gordon Pethel**

*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 - May 20 – Pentecost Sunday**

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### **Acts 2:1–21**

The coming of the Holy Spirit.

### or **Ezekiel 37:1–14**

The valley of dry bones.

### **Psalms 104:24–34, 35b** (VU p. 827 Part Two)

Wisdom was creating at God's side.

### **Romans 8:22–27**

The Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words.

### **John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15**

Jesus will send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

### **To Ponder**

What are your first thoughts and reactions when an unusual (e.g., joyful or terrifying) event happens?