



# Sunday Worship

**Westminster United Church**  
*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday Oct. 13, 2019**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Thanksgiving**

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

**Organ Prelude**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

### Welcome and News

**Introit** MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell**

**and all can safely live,**

**a place where saints and children tell**

**how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,**

**rock of faith and vault of grace;**

**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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### Call to Worship\*

Our lives are a blessing

**Let us give thanks!**

Our friends and loved ones are a blessing

**Let us give thanks!**

This community is a blessing

**Let us give thanks!**

This earth is a blessing

**Let us give thanks!**

Each meal we enjoy, every time we share, is a blessing

**Let us give thanks!**

In our worship today, throughout the rest of our week

**Let us thanks to God most holy!**

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**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Generous God, there is so much in our lives for which we can give thanks, but we often forget. There is abundance in our lives, yet we notice more what we don't have. Open our hearts to your grace and your presence, which are with us always.....**

***Moment of silence for personal reflection.***

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Audry J. Merrick**

**Acknowledgement of Membership – Rev. Bob Burton**

**A New Creed (unison)**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **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, and conversation.*

### **Scripture Readings:**

Bob Gold

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

John 6: 25-35

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn MV 8**

And on This Path

**Message**

Rev. Sherri McConnell

**Solo**      The Goodness of God  
given by Fred Simpson

by C.P.E. Bach

**Minute for Mission**

Kidzone!

John Grivell

### **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**      VU 236      Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

### **Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Let us pray -

**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;  
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,  
the lonely find comfort,  
and the despairing find hope.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison, 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.

## The Blessing of the Front Steps and Rose Window

Hymn VU 242

Let All Things Now Living

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

### Choral Response Three-Fold Amen

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

## Organ Postlude

**Lectionary Readings** (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 15. Used with permission.*)  
*Worship materials for Thanksgiving Sunday to All Saints' Day were contributed by Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont.*

**October 20 – Nineteenth after Pentecost - Proper 24**

**Jeremiah 31:27–34**

God's new covenant will be written upon people's hearts.

**Psalm 119:97–104** (VU p. 840)

How I love God's law.

**2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

People with itching ears will turn away from the truth.

**Luke 18:1–8**

The parable of the widow and the unjust judge.

**To Ponder**

What has God written in your heart?