



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church
celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday Oct. 13, 2019
18th 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 musical staff in G major (one sharp) showing a three-fold Amen response. The melody consists of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 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.

Psalms 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?