



# Sunday Worship

**Westminster Church**  
The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 15, 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**

You will say in that day:

**God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid;**  
**for God will be my strength and my song.**

As a gentle rain soaks the earth may peace and love fall upon us.

**Hymn** VU 686 God of Grace and God of Glory

**Prayer of Confession**

O God of love and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults,  
yet harsh in judging others for their actions.

**From self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that gains from  
the manipulation of others, deliver us, O God.**

When we have afflicted others whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems which oppress, enslave, and crush break us Lord.

**When we have been rude in casting stones on other people's thoughts or ideas teach us to be better listeners.**

May the life of Jesus be always visible in our bodies.

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**When we open our hearts to God we open them to one another. God's unfailing love sustains and upholds where there are differences. Where the Spirit is, there is freedom and new life.**

### **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture Reading** Liz Wijtkamp

**Mark 6:14-29**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn VU 703** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**Message 'A Gruesome Birthday Party'**

**Solo** A Time for Everything  
given by Rebecca McIntosh

by Mark Hayes

By God's generosity and trust in us for all we have received we return to God gifts of money that others may know the love that is in our hearts.

### **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.*



**Lectionary Readings: July 22 – Ninth after Pentecost – Proper 11**

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**2 Samuel 7:1–14a**

David is not the one to build God's house.

**Psalm 89:20–37** (VU p. 804)

I will sing of God's steadfast love.

**Ephesians 2:11–22**

You are holy citizens, members of God's household.

**Mark 6:30–34, 53–56**

Jesus teaches from a boat and heals the sick.