



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Over 125 years of ministry in the community –

Moving forward in a tradition of service

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020

Epiphany

10:30 am

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

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 28 God of the Bible (vs.1 and 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.**

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Call to Worship

Come let us join together

Let us gather in community

Come let us sing together

Let us gather our praises and rejoice

Come let us journey together

Let us find the right path and not stray

Come let us worship

Let us choose joy and give thanks

Hymn MV 1 Let Us Build a House

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from Psalm 119:1-8)

Faithful and loving God,

we offer you our confession

We have not kept all your decrees

Nor sought you with our whole hearts

Sometimes we make the wrong choice

Unhappiness grows in us

And spreads to those around us

Fix our eyes on your commandments

That our ways may be steadfast
Then we shall not be ashamed
Forgive us for the times we stray
Do not forsake us

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Know that those who rely on God's grace will never be disappointed
God loves us more than we can imagine
And in that love, we find peace

Anthem If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis

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 for **Sunday School** in the Chapel for a time of activity, story, and conversation.*

Scripture Readings: John Grivell

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 186 Now the Green Blade Rises

Message Rev. Michelle Owens

Solo

Upon this Rock

by Jay Althouse

given by Rebecca McIntosh

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 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery verse 4

**When heaven's bright with mystery
And stars still lead an unknown way,
When love still lights a gentle path
Where courts of power can hold no sway,
There with the Magi, let us kneel,
Our gifts to share, God's world to heal.**

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Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and 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 331

The Church's One Foundation

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus (vs. 3)

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise;
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

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Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings

February 23 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship materials were contributed by Kim Vidal, Bells Corners U.C., Nepean, Ont.

Exodus 24:12–18

God calls Moses up the mountain.

Psalm 2 (VU p. 725)

Serve God with holy fear.

or **Psalm 99** (VU p. 819)

God delights in justice.

2 Peter 1:16–21

The morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus transfigured on the mountain.

To Ponder

Name some mountaintop experiences you have had. How do these mountaintop moments transform or transfigure you in the here and now?