



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

*Celebrating over 125 years of **ministry in the community***

Indigenous Day of Prayer - Trinity Sunday June 16, 2019

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into **all the truth.” John 16:13**

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

* indicates invitation to stand, as you are able.

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Lighting the Christ Candle We are here in Jesus' name even if our faith is like this flame, it flickers and changes and needs to be relit, but its brightness can fill a space.

Welcome and News

Long before other nations came to this land, the people of Canada's First Nations called this, Turtle Island, their home, and so we begin, we acknowledge the traditional territory of the First Nations of Manitoba with whom Treaty One was signed. We acknowledge our joint responsibility as Treaty members, and acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality and culture of those who lived before European contact and the heritage and gifts of Metis people of Manitoba.

Introit MV 28 God of the Bible Verse 1, plus refrain

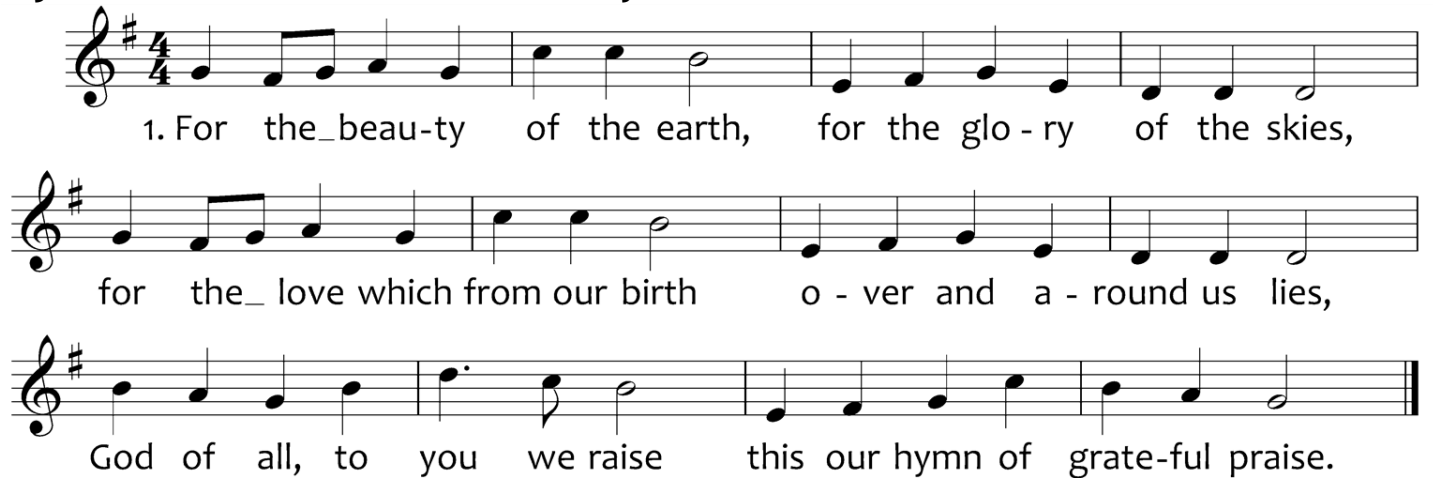
**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)

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Call to Worship We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

Hymn VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
*God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
*God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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Prayer of Confession Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain.

We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured the depths of this pain.

Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness: Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories; Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other; And with your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness.

Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance *This is Good News:*

What can we do but weep and wail at the injustice?

What can we do but lament the loss and destruction?

What can we do but ask for the courage and will to seek reconciliation.

We acknowledge the continuing injustice and commit ourselves to seeking right relations with all the First Peoples of Canada.

May the Creator's wisdom work within us toward mending the torn tapestry of this land.

Anthem **Servant Song** **by Michael McKay**

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Readings Carol Harvey

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

Message Reconciliation Rev. Don McIntyre

Solo Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate by W.A. Mozart
given by Rebecca McIntosh

Collection of Offerings

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.

Offertory

Affirmation of Faith

**All: We are, all of us, Treaty People:
original inhabitants
and those who came later—
inheritors of a diverse history,
dwellers in a common land,
travelers toward a better day.
We have known
friendship and animosity,
cooperation and oppression,
blessing and pain.
And now we embrace
the sacred covenant
that heralds a new beginning:**

**that softens the heart
and dismantles the prisons of
the present and the past.
We joyfully claim
our rights and responsibilities
as Treaty People. Amen.**

The scriptures ask us, “What does the Lord require of you?” (Micah 6:8) There are many ways that we can live in right relations with Indigenous communities and organisations. Let us offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to share the world’s resources so that all will live in God’s abundance. Grateful for all that God our Creator has given us, and mindful of how we might share our abundance, let us offer our thanks. Our offering will now be received.

Offering Doxology MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts
Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

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Prayer of Dedication Creator God, we ask you to bless these gifts, which have been given in love. May our gifts be used in many ways to build good relations with those close or with strangers. May your will be done through these gifts and through us and in spite of ourselves. In Jesus’ name. Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled as we pray for ourselves and for all Christian churches around the world, that we may faithfully follow the life of Jesus, the Nazarene who showed us the way of reconciliation through forgiveness, and peace-building. In the way of life He represented, based on His faith in Abba, His Creator and belief in living for the common good in all family life enable us to seek the spirit of truth together, to recreate your loving and compassionate way of life for all.

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 608 Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

Commissioning and Sending Forth

May the Lord go with you as a loving Father who lets you take him by the hand where the warm feeling of love within you never leaves, but gives you courage to walk the path of Hope and Joy.

Choral Response You Shall Go Out with Joy

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*)
while you go out with joy.**

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Organ Postlude

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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1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a

Elijah hears God in the sound of silence.

Psalms 42–43 (VU pp. 766–769)

As a deer longs for the water.

Galatians 3:23–29

No longer Jew or Greek, male or female; all one in Christ.

Luke 8:26–39

Jesus heals a man filled with demons.

To Ponder

When have you experienced God? In silence or conversation, rest or activity?