



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Proper 24 10:30 a.m.

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts” Jeremiah 31:33

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

* Indicates invitation to stand, as you are able

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

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light the Christ Candle we are reminded that Christ is the light of the world.

He came to give us light, so that we might give light to others.

WELCOME AND NEWS

INTROIT O God, Beyond all Praising VU 256

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as your people, Loving God.

Open our hearts to receive your love and your word.

Then may we live always in your presence, sharing your perspective and being persistent in efforts to build justice and compassion and peace in your world.

In the spirit of Christ, we live and we pray. Amen.

HYMN VU #509 I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

OPENING PRAYER

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM Down To The River To Pray

arr. by Mary McDonald

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

FOR THE CHILD IN US Luke 18:1–8

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by Bob Burton

Jeremiah 31:27–34

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU #356 **Seek Ye First the Kingdom Of God**

REFLECTION

SOLO **I Feel the Spirit Moving** arr. Mark Hayes given by Cathryn Harrison

COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul and all that is within me bless God’s holy name.”

Psalm 103

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING DOXOLOGY **Glory to God** MV 36

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest.

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, amen! (x 3)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Forgiven and freed, we live by love and in love bring our offerings to you, O God. Multiply these gifts to build justice, make community, spread hope and peace where there is little now. **And so may Christ truly find faith on earth and in us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remind us:

We are made by you and loved by you.

THE LORD’S PRAYER spoken

Our Father, 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 MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE I am Walking a Path of Peace MV 221

**I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND HYMNS ON THE CARILLONIC BELLS

If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.