

I was delighted to find a bag of valentines hanging on my door on Tuesday morning.
Thank you 250th Brownies! We Love you too! – Marilyn Thiessen

Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

The United Church of Canada
Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Organ prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit

I am the Light of the World

Refrain



"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you



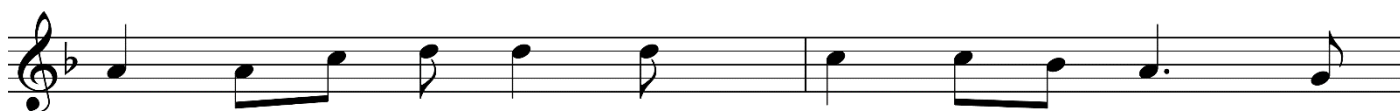
follow and love you'll learn the mystery of



what you were meant to do and be.



When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the



kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the



work of Christmas is begun:

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Call to Worship

In the cold winds of winter, we are tempted to hunker down

To close up and close off

To hide away and hibernate

And yet we are gathered together here this morning

Open wide the window of our spirits, God

And fill us with light

Open wide the door of our hearts

That we may receive and entertain you

With all our power of adoration and love.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that at times we confuse earthly riches for the wealth of your consolation

That sometimes we envy those who are laughing

Forgetting that mourning comes to us all

That we seek attention and praise from others

Mistaking flattery for faithfulness.

Forgive us

Transform us

Heal us

Love us

In your mercy we pray

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of assurance from Christ Jesus, shared on the shores of the lake:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven”

Be assured of the everflowing grace and forgiveness and love of God

Be transformed by this radical acceptance

Know that you are forgiven and loved

Children's Time

The Passing of 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, conversation and sometimes even music.*

Anthem Praise Ye the Lord by J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading: Annette Kletke

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 106 I Am the Dream

Message

Solo Laudate Dominum by W.A. Mozart
given by Jennifer Turner

Laudate Dominum (translation)

Praise the Lord, all nations;

Praise Him, all people.

For His has bestowed

His mercy upon us,

And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen

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 Behold, I Make All Things New



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

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Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayers

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.

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close *(please remain standing for the choral close, as you are able)*

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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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February 24 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3–11, 15 - Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers.

Psalms 37:1–11, 39–40 (VU p. 763) - Do not fret; trust in God.

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50 - Understanding resurrection.

Luke 6:27–38 - Love your enemies; be merciful.

To Ponder - With whom do you need to risk deepening a relationship?