



# Sunday Worship

## Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, June 17, 2108

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

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**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

(from Psalm 92)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to God's name;

**We declare our steadfast love in the morning,  
and God's faithfulness by night,**

In the music of the keyboard and voice, to the melody of our singing.

**God has made us glad**

And at the works of God's hands we sing for joy.

The joyous flourish like the palm tree,

**and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

Hymn VU 260      God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

## Confession

Oh God, we confess

**The things we try to hide from you,**

**The things we try to hide from others**

**The things we try to hide from ourselves**

We confess

**The heartbreak, worry and sorrow we have caused,**

**and that make it hard for others to forgive us**

**The times we have made it easy for others to go wrong**

**The harm we have done, and cannot undo and that make it hard  
for us to forgive ourselves.**

Lord have mercy and forgive us.

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Assurance**

Hear this which is proclaimed in scripture: God was in Christ reconciling the world, not counting their trespasses. So it is that you can be assured that your sins are forgiven.

## **Anthem**

The Rose of Sharon

by Matthew Armstrong

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Scripture**

Lynn E. Soens

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn VU 713**

I See a New Heaven

## **Message**

### **Duet**

Duet: As the Deer – words & music by Martin Nystrom, arranged by Lloyd Larson  
given by Cathryn Harrison and Nicki Kirton

## **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** MV 42 Praise God for This Holy Ground Vs 1  
**Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God's goodness is eternal.**

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## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayers of the People**

**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 633** Bless Now, O God, the Journey

## **Commissioning**

Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the swirling stars to you  
Deep peace of the Prince of Peace to you.

Now go in peace, knowing that God the Source of Love, Christ the Love Incarnate and the Holy Spirit, Love's Power goes with you.

## **Choral Response**            MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings Vs 1

**May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.**

**May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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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.*

### **Lectioary Readings** - June 24 – Fifth after Pentecost - *Proper 7*

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#### **1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49**

David and Goliath.

#### **or 1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 10–16**

David meets Saul and Jonathan.

#### **Psalm 9:9–20** (VU pp. 732–733)

I will tell of God's marvellous deeds.

#### **or Psalm 133** (VU p. 856)

It is good for God's people to be together.

#### **2 Corinthians 6:1–13**

Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

#### **Mark 4:35–41**

Jesus stills a storm.

**To Ponder** - Have you ever thought of the story from Goliath's point of view?