



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Moving forward in a tradition of service

- with over 125 years of ministry in the community

Living Generously

Sunday Nov. 17, 2019

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

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Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Call to Worship

We come to this place to experience the presence of God.

We come to this place to be inspired for the week ahead.

We come to this place to find community and be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

We gather here to feel the winds of God, to sense the power of the Spirit, and to experience the peace of Christ in our lives.

Come, let us worship God.

Hymn VU 507 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Prayer of Confession**

O God in a world where there is always suffering, loneliness, pain and desperation, it can be hard to believe in some grand vision of shalom. We catch glimpses of community, fairness, justice, and kindness. But these are like lightning flashes in a night-time storm that quickly fade into the shadows of reality.

When we become discouraged, we often give up trying to live

into the dream of a new way. In those times,
when friendship is possible, we withdraw.

When compassion is possible, we withhold.

When effort is needed, we shrink back.

O God, renew your vision within us, and lead us into abundant life.

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah by Mack Wilburg

On Nathan's cue, please stand and join the choir in singing:

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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: Lynn E. Soens

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Luke 21: 1-19

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 652 Be Still, My Soul

Message Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo Christ Be with Me arr. K. Lee Scott
given by Rebecca McIntosh

Gratitude Moment – Maggie Hodson

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 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, receive these gifts given this day, those we give through PAR, and all our gifts of time and talent, energy and creativity we give freely to this church.

Bless all we offer so this community may continue to grow and be strong, and our faith reach beyond these wall in acts of compassion, justice and peace. Amen

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Unison, 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 *see next page*

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

RUTH DUCK

SACRED HEART



1. As a fire is meant for bur - ning with a bright and war - ming
2. We are lear - ners; we are tea - chers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is the sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, gi - ving glo - ry to God's
way. We are see - kers; we are gi - vers; we are ves - sels made of
newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, ma - ny



name. Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of
clay. By our gen - tle, lo - ving ac - tions, we would show that Christ is
hued. As a rain - bow lights the hea - vens when a storm is past and



care, we join hands a - cross the na - tions, fin - ding neigh - bours ev - ery where.
light. In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spi - rit, we would live to God's de - light.
gone, may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Organ Postlude

** *Seasons of the Spirit, Congregational Life Pentecost 2 2010 p.99*

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p. 27. Used with permission.*)

November 24 – Reign of Christ Sunday - Proper 29

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Jeremiah 23:1–6

God will raise up new shepherds for Israel, God’s flock.

Luke 1:68–79 (VU pp. 900–901)

The song of Zechariah.

Colossians 1:11–20

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Luke 23:33–43

“Remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

To Ponder

Do you know anyone who has rescued someone? Have you ever rescued someone or been rescued? What feelings surrounded the rescue?

