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Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 10

August 18, 2019

10:30 am

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

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy Verse 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

The universe is your gift, Holy God—the planets, the earth, and all creation;

help us welcome the wonders of this new day.

It is a day filled with potential—a day where you call to us once again to follow your path of justice, peace, and compassion once again.

Open our hearts, Holy God, as we gather here this day.

Help us hear your holy whispers of hope
as we sing in praise and thanksgiving.

Come, let us worship God together!

Hymn VU 706 Give Thanks for Life

Prayer of Confession* (unison)

Gracious God, we live as if each day is just another day:
but it is not; it is the day you have given us. It is a gift.

Help us live with grateful hearts for the blessing of this gift.

**Open our hearts and minds
to see the wonder in every moment.**

**Help us be grateful for the sky, the earth, and all creation;
help us follow your path of peace
and see the Christ in all we meet.**

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

** Inspired by words of Brother David Stendle Rast*

Words of Assurance

We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessings, we are blessed.
Thanks be to God. Amen

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Luke 12:49–56

Reader: Judy Hill

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” arr. by Paul S. Jones
(Given by Lynlee Wolstencroft)

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 (unison)

Let us pray:

**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,
the lonely find comfort,
and your peace be made known throughout the world.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 504 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2019, p 26. Used with permission.*)

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August 25 – Eleventh after Pentecost (Proper 16)

Jeremiah 1:4–10

The call of Jeremiah; “But I’m only a boy!”

Psalms 71:1–6 (VU p. 789 Part One)

A mighty fortress, a sheltering rock is God.

Hebrews 12:18–29

Our God is a consuming fire with an unshakeable kingdom.

Luke 13:10–17

Jesus heals the bent-over woman on the Sabbath.

To Ponder

Take time to remember the call you felt to the vocation you have undertaken.