



# Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

*Celebrating 127 years of ministry in the community*

Sunday Nov. 18, 2018

Anniversary Sunday

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**Organ Prelude**

**Christ Candle is lit**

## Welcome and News

**Introit VU 315      Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**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/Approach**

O come let us sing to God,  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation**  
On this day of celebration, let us come into God's presence with  
thanksgiving,  
**And make joyful noise with songs of praise!**  
Friends, let us worship God together,  
**Amen**

**Hymn VU 232      Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of us all, you have called your people to love and serve and to celebrate as your church. Some whom you called envisioned a church in this place, right here on this corner in Winnipeg. They took risks and made the sacrifices to see that become a reality. Throughout these last 127 years this church and its people have tried to be a symbol of loving community, of warmth and welcome, outreach and compassion, seeking to be followers in your Way.

**This morning we sing, pray, rejoice, listen, and offer our thanksgiving for all that has been, all that is, and all that is yet to be. We also**

remember the times when we have not shown your love, acceptance, and compassion in our words or actions - and we are sorry. Inspire and encourage us to continue being your church in the world. Help us live your love, acceptance and compassion towards others and towards ourselves. Help us follow your path of peace and wholeness. In Jesus' name we pray.....

*Moment of silence for personal reflection.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Assurance**

**The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**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**            O Clap Your Hands Together            by Martin Shaw

**Scripture Reading:** Doug Abra

Mark 13: 1-8

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** MV 126            Are You a Shepherd?

**Message** ....not one stone.....

**Solo** Alleluia by Frederick Hummel  
given by Fred Simpson

**Minute for Mission** Compassion in Life and Death John Grivell

### **Collection of Offerings**

*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.*

**Offering Doxology** MV 36 Glory to God

**One:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

**All:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

**One:** To God be glory forever!

**All:** To God be glory forever!

**One:** Alleluya, amen!

**All:** Alleluya, amen! x 4

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**Prayer of Dedication\*\* (unison)**

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts  
from the work of our hands to the work of your church,  
for the encouragement of all people and creation,  
and with the love of Christ in our hearts.  
Bless these gifts, and our lives, Amen**

**Statement of Faith** (VU 918, *please remain standing as you are able*)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (*sung, VU 959*)

**Hymn VU 625      I Feel the Winds of God**

**Commissioning and Sending Forth**

## **Choral Response** VU 623 Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth  
a hidden beauty see  
discern in us our richest hues,  
show us the patterns we may use  
to set our spirits free,  
to set our spirits free.**

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

\*\*Written by John van de Laar (adapted); found on [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)

## Lectionary readings

### **November 25 – Reign of Christ Sunday**

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#### **Proper 29**

#### **2 Samuel 23:1–7**

David's last words glorify God.

#### **Psalms 132:1–12, (13–18)** (VU pp. 854–855 Parts One and Two)

God will bless with abundance.

#### **Revelation 1:4b–8**

I am the Alpha and the Omega.

#### **John 18:33–37**

Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you King of the Jews?"

#### To Ponder

Has there been a moment where you felt that you abandoned Jesus?