



Sunday Worship Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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, 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*

We have been called by God
To give God our hearts.

We have been called by God
To show God’s love to all.

We have been called by God
**To follow God’s sacred path,
To live as disciples of peace;
Come, let us worship God!**

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Hymn VU 339 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we all have cracks in the mirrors of our lives, cracks that block our view of ourselves and others, cracks that tell us we are not enough, or that there is something wrong with us. Help us see beyond the cracks and embrace our imperfections, and the imperfections of others. Help us find joy in our uniqueness, and celebrate the same in others. Help us remember that in all our flawed glory, we are all beautiful, sacred beings in your eyes...

**Richard Wagamese, Embers: One Ojibway’s Meditations (2016). Adapted.*

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance*

God calls us by name, and loves us into completeness. Let us open our hearts to the love and grace of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen

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The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn VU 835 “Praise to the Lord”

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51a

Carol Latter

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

Thanks be to God.

Message

“...give thanks to God at all times...” Sherri McConnell

Solo

“He Shall Feed his Flock/Come Unto Him” by G. F. Handel
Given by Sandra Bender

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

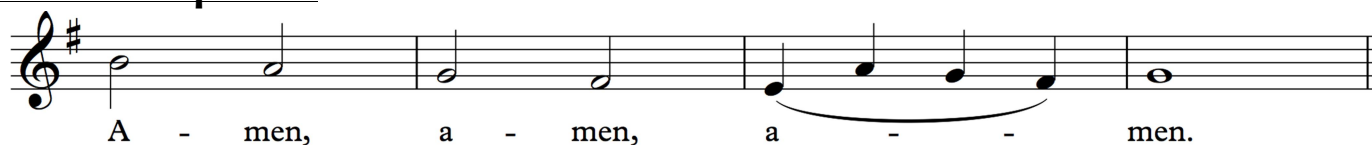
Lord’s Prayer (Spoken)

**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 509 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response “Amen”



Organ Postlude

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

Lectionary Readings: August 26 – Fourteenth after Pentecost – Proper 16

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1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11), 22–30, 41–43

Solomon calls on God to keep God's promise.

Psalms 84 (VU pp. 800–801)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God.

Ephesians 6:10–20

Put on the whole armour of God.

John 6:56–69

To whom do we go? You have the words of eternal life.

To Ponder

How do you imagine God's dwelling place?