

# Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

The United Church of Canada Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community Sunday, January 20, 2019 Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Organ prelude

**Christ Candle is lit** 

Welcome and News

#### Introit

I am the Light of the World



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# Call to Worship

In the midst of our often busy, often lonely lives,

In the challenge of everyday stress and strain,

In the realty of the many times we falter and stumble,

In the struggle to balance our challenges and responsibilities,

We gather here this day, Holy God

to notice your grace in our living,

to feel rooted and grounded by the good news we hear,

to give thanks for all that is,

to reconnect with the sacred path of peace and hope,

to worship, sing and pray in Christ's name.

# Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of compassion, we know how often we do not love as you love us. We can be too distracted to listen to another, and are often too busy to lend a hand. We let our anger fester, and let it take the place of wisdom. We allow the fear of rejection or the unknown to stop us from reaching out to others and from trying something new. Open our hearts to your love, so it transforms our lives. May your compassion free us from our anger, your wisdom bring us peace and your grace ground us in hope and courage as we seek to follow the path of Christ. And help us be a faith community where we can be real, authentic and respectful with one another. .....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

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

# Words of Assurance

**Children's Time** – Katelyn McIntyre, Children's Table Coordinator

The Passing of 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 at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.

## Anthem "Forever be Praised"

Scripture Reading: Bob Burton Psalm 36 (VU 762, sung with refrain) Part of the tradition here at Westminster UC is to stand for the reading/singing of the Psalm, as you are able. John 2: 1-11 Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

#### Message

Hymn MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Minute for Mission "Multi-Faith Spaces for Students" - John Grivell

# **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**



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## **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People One: Lord in your mercy All: Hear our prayers

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 336

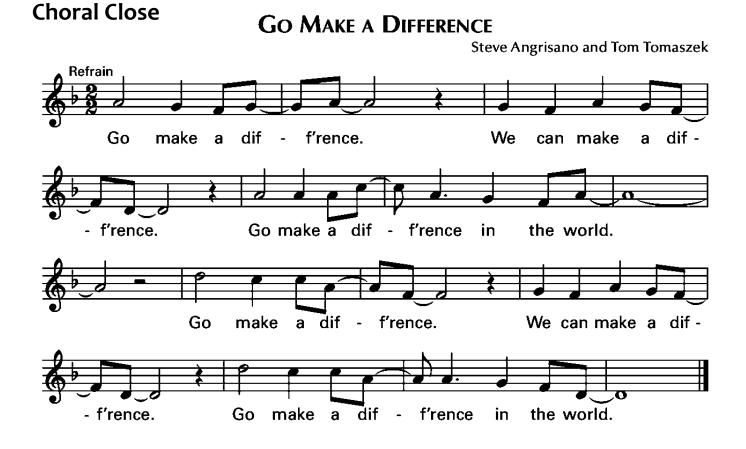
# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

CHARLES WESLEY

CONRAD KOCHER



# **Commissioning and Sending Forth**



**Postlude** Bach concerto in D minor for two violins, first movement. Mary Ann Taylor, Nathan Poole, violin. Lynne Mavins, piano.

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

Lectionary readings - January 27 – Third Sunday after Epiphany Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate.

**Psalm 19** (VU pp. 740–741) The heavens declare the glory of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Now you are the body of Christ and each one a part of it.

Luke 4:14–21 Jesus reads from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

To Ponder We need to work together. How have you experienced that truth?