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Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday May 21, 2017
Easter 6
10:30 am

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House

*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

Touch us with your presence, O God!

As we come together to praise you, and pray in your name.

Touch us with your presence, O God!

As we seek your calm in the midst of our struggles.

Touch us with your presence, O God!

As we join together in caring, faith-filled community.

Touch us with your presence, O God,

As we seek your deep peace in our lives and our world.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession

Unclutter our lives, loving God

when we have too much,

consume too much,

expect too much.

**Grant us perspective;
to see this world
through the eyes of others
and not just through our own.**

**Grant us compassion;
where there is need
grant us courage to play our part
and not just turn aside.**

**Grant us gratitude
for what we have,
for our daily bread
and the gift of life.**

**Unclutter our lives, loving God,
give us space,
simplicity
and thankful hearts....**

Moment of silence for personal confession....

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Anthem

The Lord is my Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Fred Simpson, Treble

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Scripture Readings: Annette Kletke

Psalms 66: 8-20 (VU 784-785 parts 2&3; refrain 2)

John 14: 15-21

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 49 When We Seek Language

Message ...if you love me, you will keep my commandments....

Solo Praise Ye The Lord by Granville Bantock
given by Fred Simpson

Minute for Mission London Community Chaplaincy – John Grivell

Collection of Offerings & Presentation of Hygiene Kits for Bell Tower

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.

Offertory

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 333 Love Divine all Loves Excelling

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings (*sung once*)

**May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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 for Sunday May 28, 2017

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 66:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14

John 17:1-11