



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost and
the Sacrament of Baptism**

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

Organ prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and news

Centering Music

Call to Worship/Approach

Hymn VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession*

God of us all, we look around and see how often we fall short in our attempts to follow the path of Jesus and create a compassionate, spirit-filled community that reflects your love for us.

We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you or the world around us. We look to add jewels for our own crown.

We can become so self-absorbed that we do not see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers.

We can be so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside those who might need us most.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Remind us whose we are and to whom we belong.

Lift our eyes and open our hearts to your call to faithfulness - your call to love and serve, to seek justice and resist evil.

Remind us in all we do and all we say, we are never alone.....

Silence

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem Be Thou my Vision

by Mark Hayes

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Max Elliot Hampton

Son of Jenifer Mabulac Avillanoza and Roger Scott Allan Hampton

Brother of Oden Alexander Hampton

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

Carol Latter, a representative of the church, will introduce the baptism family.

THE TEACHING "The Sacrament of Baptism"

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed and commissioned: we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God;

*we are claimed by Christ, united with Christ, with one another and the Christian community of every time and place;
we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

Parents/representative of church Respond:

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you share your faith with your child, growing with him/her in faith, hope and love, encouraging him/her by your words and actions in the way of Jesus Christ?

Parents/representative of church Respond:

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT *(stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care:

AS A BAPTIZED AND BAPTIZING PEOPLE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD YOU WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, A NEW CREED

**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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.
Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at Creation.
By water, comes the growth of the earth.
Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.
In the waters of the Jordan, your Child Jesus was baptized.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.



PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

THE BLESSING (VU 965, sung by all)

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen.**

Scripture Readings Carol Harvey

Mark 10: 35-45

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Message*greatness and serving*.....

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

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 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**

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 601 The Church of Christ in Every Age (vs. 1,3,5)

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.**

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Organ Postlude

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

* Thom Shuman <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/2015>

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Lectionary readings October 28 – Twenty-third after Pentecost

Proper 25

Worship materials for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost to the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost were contributed by Juanita Austin, Sicamous U.C., Sicamous, B.C.

Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Job acknowledges God's power; Job's fortunes are restored.

Taste and see that God is good.

Psalms 34:1–8, (19–22) (VU pp. 761–762)

Taste and see that God is good.

Hebrews 7:23–28

Christ, the permanent high priest.

Mark 10:46–52

The healing of blind Bartimaeus.

To Ponder

When has hearing someone else's story changed your mind? Why?