



The Prancing Pony Petting Zoo was back for their annual visit for the daycare kids last week.
(and some of the church staff enjoyed the animals too)

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

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

Some of us are exhausted.

We come to rest.

Some of us are curious about Jesus.

We come to learn.

Some of us are hungry.

We come to be fed.

Some of us are disoriented.

We come to pray.

Some of us are broken.

We come to be healed.

We gather around you this morning, O Christ.

Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

Grant us your peace. Amen.

Hymn VU 325 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure.

But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities. We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world.

Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest.

Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm.

Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

We know from Scripture that all who touched Jesus were healed, that all who confess are forgiven. Forgiveness and healing are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (Let us pass the peace and ask), **“Who needs a vacation?”**

Scripture Readings Annette Kletke

Exodus 20:8-11

Mark 6: 30-34

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

Thanks be to God.

Message **You Need A Vacation**

Hymn VU 378 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have our money to offer. Fruit of our labours, symbol of our commitment, it will become a tool to be used for your glory.

Blessed be God for ever.

Now, as we take leave of worship we pray we might find a time of peace.

We don't think we have time. There are many demands on us.

May we find a time of rest.

**There is so much that we have to do, places to go, people to see,
needs to be met.**

Come, let us find a time of healing.

**Our lives are fractured and bleeding. We give of ourselves and yet
there is still much to be done.**

Come, let us find a time of hope.

**We can't accomplish everything. Look around you. See how the cries
of the world scream in our ears; how the hands of need reach out,
pleading for our help.**

**Jesus reminds us we cannot serve if we do not rest. We need a time of
quiet to re-gather your strength and spirits.**

Lord, help us to slow down, even if it is for just a little while.

**Come, find this place of peace. Let the spirit of God gently refresh and
heal you.**

**We come and will find our rest in God's steadfast love and as we pray
together...**

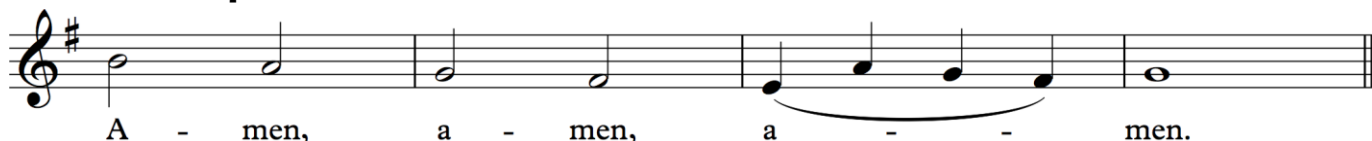
**Our Father/Mother , who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 256 O God Beyond all Praising

Commissioning and Sending Forth

You are God's beloved people, refreshed, restored, forgiven and healed. Go now into this world confident in the gifts God has given you. Go to serve God's people, bringing words of peace and hope to all whom you meet.

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: July 29 – Tenth after Pentecost - *Proper 12*

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2 Samuel 7:1–14a

July 29 – Tenth after Pentecost

Proper 12

2 Samuel 11:1–15

David and Bathsheba.

Psalms 14 (VU p. 735)

Fools say, "There is no God."

Ephesians 3:14–21

God's power accomplishes more than we can ask for or imagine.

John 6:1–21

Jesus feeds the multitude and walks on water.

To Ponder

When have you experienced abundance, beyond what you could have imagined?