



Auction item #1. Small Abstract (blues, reds) no frame, "Let people see what they want."
Technique – acrylic paint. Artist Raymond Bartlett, Winnipeg. See insert.

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Pentecost 15

Sept. 22, 2019

10:30 am

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

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House, Verse 1

**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

We gather here this morning
to pray, to connect, to be.
We gather here this morning,
to be refreshed, challenged, encouraged.
We gather here this morning
**to pause from the busy-ness of our days
and take time to feed our spirits.**
Thanks be to God for this day and this time together—
Let us worship!

Hymn VU 223 Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

Prayer of Confession* (unison)

**Holy God,
sometimes it feels like we're in the middle of a whirlwind.**

**We don't know if we're coming or going;
our words and our actions are not always chosen wisely.**

**In the stops and starts of our everyday living,
help us to find a place of peacefulness,
a place of calmness,
a place where we feel whole.**

**Help us to know that you are with us and all your Creation—
always. In Christ's name, we pray:**

Moment of silence for personal confession.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Assurance*

God is always with us,
working in and through us
and through all creation
renewing,
recreating,
redeeming.

Thanks be to God. Amen

* Richard Bott, Gathering Pentecost 2 2012, p.23. Adapted. Used with permission.

Anthem *When in our Music God is Glorified*

by Austin C. Lovelace

Children's Time

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, and conversation.*

Scripture Reading

Jennifer Turner

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Luke 16:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 83 Let My Spirit Always Sing *choir teaching with first verse*

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo Brother James' Air by MacBeth Bain
(given by Jennifer Turner)

Minute for Mission "Broadview Minute for Mission" 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 VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Let us pray:

**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,
the lonely find comfort,
and the despairing find hope.
In Christ we pray, Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response MV 179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together Verse 3

**People let us love together,
Joining spirits, linking hands,
we are God's unique creation,
clothed with dignity we'll stand.** *sung twice*

Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 9. Used with permission.*)

*Worship materials for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost to the World Communion
Sunday were contributed by Vicki McPhee, Symons Valley U.C., Calgary, Alta.*

September 29 – Sixteenth after Pentecost

Creation Time 4 in the Season of Pentecost - Proper 21

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Houses, fields, and vineyards shall again be purchased.

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16 (VU pp. 807–809)

God will raise you up on eagle's wings.

1 Timothy 6:6–19

The love of money; fight the good fight.

Luke 16:19–31

The rich man and Lazarus.

To Ponder

What are you hoping for, deep down, right now?