



Last week's Welcome Back Lunch, yummy!

# Sunday Worship

**Westminster Church**  
**The United Church of Canada**  
*Celebrating 125 years of ministry*  
*in the community*  
**Sunday, September 23, 2018**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**

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

**Organ prelude**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Welcome and news**

## **Introit** MV 28 God of the Bible

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
 Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
 You are our centre, daylight or  
 darkness,  
 freedom or prison, you are our home.**

**Refrain**  
*Fresh as the morning, sure as the  
 sunrise,  
 God always faithful, you do not change.*  
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 sunrise,  
 God always faithful, you do not change.*

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## **Call to Worship/Approach**

As we gather in this place

**we bring our joys and our celebrations;**

we bring our disappointments and sorrows;

**we bring our enthusiasm and laughter, our hopes and dreams; our doubts and our questions, our fears and concerns.**

We bring all that we are - in thanks, praise and hope to God who is always near. And so, we worship!

**Hymn VU 395**      Come in, Come In and Sit Down

## **Prayer of Confession**

In the winds of change when we are swamped by our doubts, help us to listen when we hear that quiet voice touching the depths of our being saying, "Take heart, I am with you"

**When we slip from careful to fearful,  
when we move from being practical to being cynical,  
when we cannot allow ourselves to believe it will ever be different,  
help us remember that we are not alone.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

## **Words of Assurance**

**Anthem**

All Hail the Power

by Mary MacDonald

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

Following the Children's time, 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.

## **Scripture Readings      John Grivell**

Mark 9: 30-37

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn MV 89      Love Is the Touch**

## **Message**

**Solo              Gott versorget alles Leben      (God Takes Care of Every Life)**

given by Rebecca McIntosh, Nathan Poole      by J.S. Bach from Cantata 187

*German Translation:*

*God takes care of every life which draws breath here below.*

*Would God not give to me alone what God has promised to all?*

*Worries, be gone! God's faithfulness is my one and only consideration,*

*and is renewed for me daily through the many gifts of God's love.*

**Minute for Mission      We Found Our Home      given by 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 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 all creation,  
and with the love of Christ in our hearts.  
Bless our offerings, and our living, 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 420    Go to the World**

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

Let's go from this place, and be God's people in the world....

May we enter our week, with joy, care, and wonder.

And let us go in the peace and confidence that no matter what, God is with us.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

**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.*

\* *Written by John van de Laar; found on [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

## Lectionary Readings: September 30 – Nineteenth after Pentecost

Creation Time 4 in the Season of Pentecost - Proper 21

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**Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 - Esther pleads for the life of her people.**

**Psalm 124 (VU p. 848) - If God had not been at our side.**

**James 5:13–20 - The sick should be anointed by the elders.**

**Mark 9:38–50 - If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.**

## To Ponder

How does God want you to use your voice to speak for those who have no voice?