



Sunday Worship
Westminster United Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

Organ prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit

I am the Light of the World

Refrain



"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you



follow and love you'll learn the mystery of

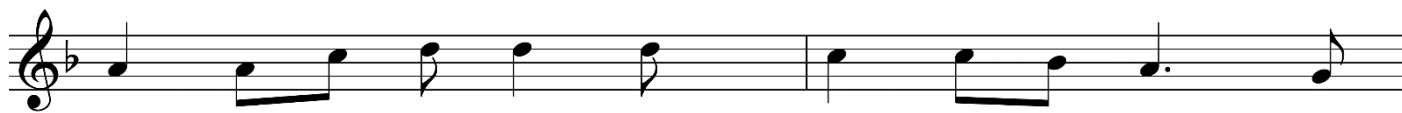
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what you were meant to do and be.



When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the



kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the

D.C.



work of Christmas is begun:

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Call to Worship

We come into this sacred space to give thanks to the One who grounds us, and is the center of all that is.

We come into this space to be community, and sing, pray, hear, reflect and listen.

We come into this space hoping to refresh and renew our spirits so that we can care for one another, care for ourselves and care for the earth.

We come into this space seeking welcome and a sense of belonging.

Come, let us worship God.

Hymn VU 218

We Praise You, O God

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God, help us find our quiet centers. Help us let go of the tension that makes peace impossible. Free us from our fears that keep us from venturing out. Help us let go of our worries that blind our vision, and the distress that hides your joy. Help us remember that you are always with us, holding us in your love. And give us the courage and strength to hear your call to live your love, peace and joy in our lives by walking your path of justice and compassion in our world.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Children's Time

The Passing of 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, conversation and sometimes even music.*

Anthem Hallelujah words/music by Leonard Cohen, arr. Roger Emerson

Scripture Reading: Bob Gold

Luke 6: 27-38

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

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn MV 78 God Weeps

Minute for Mission "Community Commitment" 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 Behold, I Make All Things New

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin - ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayers

The 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 260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close *(please remain standing for the choral close, as you are able)*

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Organ Postlude

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

*Gord Waldie, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/> (adapted)

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March 3 – Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29–35

Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain.

Psalm 99 (VU p. 819)

God rules and delights in justice.

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

We are bold in our hope.

Luke 9:28–36, (37–43)

Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain.

To Ponder

Think of a moment when you felt absolutely radiant. Why was this?