

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church
The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 24, 2016

10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.

“We love because God loved us first.”

1 John 4:19

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

* indicates invitation to stand, as you are able.

Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS

INTROIT “Sing Praises to God”

Sing prai-ses to God! Sing praise in the height, re - jice in God's
word, blest an - gels of light; high hea-vens, re - call - ing_ by_
whomyouwere made, come, of - fer your wor-ship in brightness ar-rayed.

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears,
our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

**We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, hope and joy that God
speaks to us.**

It is in this place of holiness
that we can come searching and yearning.

**We come to this place, to find
the One who has been looking for us, who has been waiting for us.**

It is in this place of holiness
that we come to the door that is always open, and knock.

**We come to this place, to be embraced
by the One whose heart is always open, whose love is ever-present.**

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OPENING PRAYER

HYMN God, the All-Holy

VU 484

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Inviting God, You invite us to share our whole selves with You – our weakness,
our failures, our strengths, our gifts – yet often we struggle.**

**Rather than live in Your spirit of generosity and grace,
we sometimes put up barriers or live in fear.**

Rather than share with those in need, we often cling to all You give to us.

**Surrounded by despair and disparity, we can find it easier to stay close with
those “just like us,” rather than extending that hand of peace and compassion
to all we meet.**

**Forgive us, loving God. Help us open our eyes to all our sisters and brothers.
Open our ears to the words of hope that You whisper to us.
Open our hearts to the teachings of Jesus, the one who taught us to fling wide
the doors of Your kingdom - and called us to live in Your peace each day....**

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Moment of silence for personal confession.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 1: 2-10

Luke 11: 1-13

read by Alycia Leafloor

At the conclusion of the reading ...

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU 356

SERMON Rev. Sherri McConnell

SOLO The Jo Family

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

- Old 100TH, VU 822

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken

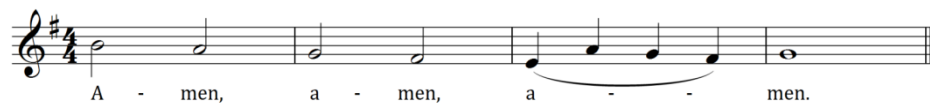
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE “Danish 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.