



# **Sunday Worship**

## **Westminster Church**

The United Church of Canada

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**1 JustCity 10:30 a.m.**

**“And who is my neighbour?”**

Luke 10:29

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.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

As we light the Christ Candle we are reminded that Christ is the light of the world.

**He came to give us light, so that we might give light to others.**

### **WELCOME AND NEWS**

**INTROIT** O God, Beyond all Praising VU 256  
**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Majestic God, we give thanks for today and for your love. Knowing the mountains of healing this world needs we begin the day simply by saying, “thank you!” Amen.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are called to worship.

**Worship is us giving God glory every day by our actions.**

When we pray,

**We worship.**

When we sing,

**We worship.**

When we are filled with shouts of joy,

**We worship.**

When we build wells filled with clean water,

**We worship.**

When we build safe communities and homes,

**We worship.**

When we serve hurting or hungry people,

**We worship.**

Let us celebrate!

**HYMN**    VU 595    We Are Pilgrims Verses 1-4

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM**                    He Is My Joy

by John Carter

## **THE PEACE**

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

**People:    And also with you.**

**FOR THE CHILD IN US**      Luke 10:25-37

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**      Ecclesiastes 4: 11- 12      read by Lynn E. Soens  
Proverbs 31: 8 - 9

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**      VU 600      When I Needed a Neighbour

**REFLECTION**    Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud

**SOLO**      The Gift of Love      arr. Hal Hopson      given by Nicki Kirton

### **COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS**

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul and all that is within me bless God’s holy name.”

Psalm 103

The offering will now be collected.

*After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.*

### **OFFERTORY**

**OFFERING DOXOLOGY**      Glory to God      MV 36

*One: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest.*

**All: One: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest.**

*One: To God be glory forever!*

**All: To God be glory forever!**

*One: Alleluia, amen!*

**All: Alleluia, amen! (x 3)**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy One: Today we offer the fruits of our labour and the beauty of our hearts so that both the world and we can more joyfully reflect the harmony and generosity of you! May the many gifts collected here further the reign of justice and peace in the world. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We beg you,  
**God, help us repair our broken world.**

### **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** VU 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

### **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

God, we leave this place transformed by your love and forgiveness.  
**May we have that same spirit of forgiveness in our own lives.  
And when we feel as though we have turned away from you, may we  
remember that we can always return. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** I am Walking a Path of Peace MV 221

**I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE AND HYMNS ON THE CARILLONIC BELLS**

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