

# Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

*celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community*

Sunday Nov. 26, 2017

Reign of Christ Sunday &

Sacrament of Baptism

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

**Prelude**

**Christ Candle is lit**

**Welcome and News**

**Introit** MV 1 Let Us Build a House vs. 5

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard, and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words with-in the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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## **Call to Worship\*** *(based on Psalm 100)*

Know that the Holy One is God.

**We are God's people.**

Worship the Holy One with gladness;

**Come into God's presence with singing.**

Enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

**Make a joyful noise!**

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Let us worship with thanks and joy!**

**Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!**

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Hymn VU 211**      **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

## **Prayer of Reflection/Confession\***

Loving God, too often

we overlook the needs of people around us

while we proclaim our commitment to love and serve others

seek justice and resist evil.

There is much to be done

**to feed the hungry,**

**clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.**

We often fail to see how our systems that are meant to help us instead diminish the humanity of all of us,

**and deny healing to the most vulnerable and the least,**

**leave children in poverty**

**and keep strangers, refugees and newcomers at a distance.**

Open our eyes and our hearts to see your presence in every person,  
and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name.....

***Moment of silence for personal reflection.***

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Assurance**

**Anthem**            In the Garden

arr. Mark Hayes

**The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation (see page 13)**

**Kevin Myles Bernier** and **Brittany Leah Armstrong - Bernier** who wish to renew and confirm the faith proclaimed in their baptism.

And their child **Kinsley Page Bernier** is being presented for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism. Kinsley's godparents are **Kyle Scott Bernier** and **Tazmeen Amina Khan**.

**Scripture Reading:** Lynn E. Soens

Matthew 25: 31-40

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** VU 600

When I Needed a Neighbour

**Message**    *...the least of these - that was me.....*

**Solo**            Exultate Jubilate

by W.A. Mozart

given by Cathryn Harrison

**Gratitude Moment** – Don and Val McIntyre

## **Collection of Offerings**

*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 MV 42 Praise God for this Holy Ground Vs 1**

**Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God's goodness is eternal.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People and 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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 443**

**God, We Pray at This Beginning**

## **Commissioning and Sending Forth**