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Daughter of Jennifer Romanoff and Grant Magnusson
Sister of Charlize*

Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday Oct. 27, 2019

Sacrament of Baptism

10:30 am

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

Organ Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

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

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Call to Worship*

**excerpts from pp. 17-27 of [Arousing the Spirit](#), by Susan McCaslin (adapted).*

God most Holy,

awaken us this day - to every sacred moment.

God of Silent Wonder

be with us this day - as stillness and rest.

God of Abundance and Joy

**be with us in our worship - as a spiraling song and compassion
overflowing.**

God ever-with-us,

**illuminate our cracks, highlight our flaws - so your love can shine through
our imperfect lives.**

God most holy, be with us in this day.

Be with us always, we pray. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Prayer of Confession (unison)**

*** (written by Wanda Winfield, in Gathering 2 2017. Pg. 46 (adapted). Used with permission.)*

Holy one, we remember those moments when we forgot ourselves, and pretended to be someone we're not. We remember those moments we deceived ourselves, and ignored that quiet voice of holy wisdom whispering to us. We remember those moments when we turned away from your path of compassion and gratitude, and instead followed the trail of fear, despair and anger. Grant us the strength and courage to be who you call us to be with our lives, and to follow your path of peace and hope in our hearts...

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Friends, this is the good news: God loves us and yearns for us to turn our hearts back to God. All we must do is welcome God's hope, joy and grace into our lives, and new life is ours. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

This is My Father's World

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

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Godparent – Keri Pimental

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

Liz Witjkamp, a representative of the church, will introduce the baptism family.

THE TEACHING “The Sacrament of Baptism”

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God. By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed and commissioned: we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God; we are claimed by Christ, united with Christ, with one another and the Christian community of every time and place; we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

Parents/Godparents/representative of church respond:

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you share your faith with your child, growing with her in faith, hope and love, encouraging her by your words and actions in the way of Jesus Christ?

Parents/Godparents/representative of church respond:

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT *(stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care:

AS A BAPTIZED AND BAPTIZING PEOPLE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD YOU WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, A NEW CREED (VU 918)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.
Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at Creation.
By water, comes the growth of the earth.
Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.
In the waters of the Jordan, your Child Jesus was baptized.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES and CHRIST CANDLES

THE BLESSING *(VU 965, sung by all)*

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen.**



**Children will go to the Children's Table following the Baptism.*

Scripture Readings:

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Luke 18: 9-14

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

Thanks be to God.

Annette Kletke

Hymn VU 450

Here at This Font

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo Seek the Lord
given by Rebecca McIntosh

by John Carter

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

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.

Offering Doxology VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:

**Holy One, accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives;
and with these gifts may the hungry be fed,
the lonely find comfort,
and the despairing find hope.**

In Christ we pray, Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken, unison)

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 580

Faith of Our Fathers

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



Organ Postlude

Lectionary Readings (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 19, 21. Used with permission.*)

Worship materials were contributed by Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont.

November 1 – All Saints’ Day (Friday)

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

Daniel’s vision of four beasts.

Psalms 149 (VU pp. 872–873)

God’s praise and God’s word.

Ephesians 1:11–23

The hope to which you are called.

Luke 6:20–31

Blessings and woes.

To Ponder

Who is a saint in your life? Why? How might you honour them today?

November 3 – Twenty-first after Pentecost - Proper 26

Worship materials were contributed by Lynn Smith-Reeve, Bethany-Pontypool P.C., Bethany, Ont.

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

How long will it be until God acts?

Psalms 119:137–144 (VU p. 841)

God’s judgments are just.

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Your faith and love are growing abundantly.

Luke 19:1–10

Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.

To Ponder

Think of a situation where you’ve made assumptions about someone that have turned out to be false. What was your response?