

# Sunday Worship

Westminster Church  
The United Church of Canada

Sunday, August 28, 2016

15th 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-joice in God's  
word, blest an-gels of light; high hea-vens, re-call-ing by  
whom you were 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

## OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

God is Here

VU 389

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, loving Mother, loving Father,  
in love you have made us,  
through love you have kept us,  
by love you would make us whole.

We confess that we have not loved you  
with all our heart...  
and soul...  
and mind...  
and strength...  
nor have we loved one another  
as Christ has loved us.  
We have been unsteady in our faith;  
we have resisted your Spirit.

Look on us  
as those claimed by the Crucified;  
for the sake of that boundless love,  
forgive us.  
And from beneath the shelter  
of her covering wings,  
let the Holy Spirit release us  
to be your people once again...  
forgiven, faithful, and free.

*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

Genesis 32:22 - 31

Luke 18:1 - 8

given by Judy Hill

*At the conclusion of the reading ...*

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Hymn of Promise

by Natalie Sleeth

given by Dawn Beirnes

## SERMON

### HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

VU 660

### 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 100<sup>TH</sup>

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### HYMN

Maker, in Whom We Live

VU 321

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

## **WESTMINSTER NEWS for Sunday, August 28, 2016**

We welcome Rev. Don Ross who will be leading us in worship today and Lynne Mavins who is filling in for Don Menzies.

**Pastoral Charge Supervisor:** Rev. Bill Gillis

If you or someone you know requires pastoral care please contact the church office. Bob Burton and Don McIntyre are available to help.

On Friday, August 19th we received information that Bernice Mort's brother passed away early Friday morning in Kelowna, BC. He was 90 years old. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Mort family.

**Exploring the Enneagram: Body, Heart & Mind** Sat. Sept. 17, 9:30 – 4:30 & Sun. Sept. 18, 1:30 – 4:30 at Westminster Church. The Enneagram is a map of the human psyche. Many people have looked to the Enneagram for a better understanding of who they are by identifying with a particular type. The Enneagram is often used in organizational team building as a tool to better understand our habits, motivations and strengths within the 3 centres of awareness; body, heart and head. Facilitators: Jane Casey with Brian McLeod. Bring your own lunch or eat nearby. Cost is \$60 early bird rate or \$75 after Sept. 7. To register contact [germainenorberg@gmail.com](mailto:germainenorberg@gmail.com) or call Jane at 204-294-5754.



*(On a personal note, Rev. Heather Lea recommended the Enneagram workshop to the congregation; also I took it many years ago and it is excellent. Cindy Rose Reimann)*

**The fall edition of These Days is here. Copies can be found on the hall or narthex tables.**

**Bell Tower Café BBQs** Friday, Sept. 9. All are welcome. Free BBQ at 6:30 pm. Good food, music and drinks for all to enjoy! If you would like to learn more, please contact our coordinator, Meaghan Pauls, at [meaghan.pauls@belltowercommunitycafe.org](mailto:meaghan.pauls@belltowercommunitycafe.org) or 204-250-6768.

**Westminster Concert Organ Series** is delighted to collaborate with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra to present **Sarah Svendson** in a series of concerts, culminating in a solo recital at Westminster on Sun., Oct. 2, 2:30 pm. Subscribers to the Series will receive a discounted price for the WSO concerts, also being performed at Westminster. A native of Nova Scotia, Sarah obtained her music training at the University of Toronto, where she was also organist at Metropolitan United, and received her Master of Music from Yale. This exciting young talent is sure to offer us an unforgettable experience. Tickets are \$25, with reduced prices for Seniors and students.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Wednesday 12 noon.**

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