



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday May 28, 2017

Easter 7

10:30 am

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

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit MV 1 Let Us Build a House

***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 (read responsively)

Sing praises to the LORD,
and give thanks to God's holy name
for the LORD our God has healed us
when we cried for help
and restored us
in times of deepest despair.

The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing;
taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.
Sing to the LORD without end,
and give thanks to the LORD for ever.

Eternal and ever present God,
sustain and excite our gathered community;
arouse our expectancy;
subdue our expectations.

Come, silent Spirit, and embrace us.
Let the words we see and hear and speak and sing
be transformed by the Word made flesh,
that our worship may be wholly yours, Lord God.
We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen

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Hymn VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession(Unison)

We are so scattered, O God:
We flit from cause to cause;
We are easily distracted by the next important thing;
We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.
Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us
right now.
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.

Help us commit to think deeply, and respond generously, as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.

written by Beth Merrill Neel, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com>

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Anthem

Alleluia Fugue

by Jack North

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn VU 337

Blessed Assurance

Scripture Readings: Annette Kletke

Psalm 47 (VU 771) with sung refrain 2

John 17: 1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn Sing – Westminster’s Favourites

VU 409 Morning Has Broken

VU 357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

VU 352 I Danced in the Morning

VU 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 238 O Lord my God (How Great Thou Art)

Duet

Lord Listen to Your Children

words Ken Medema, arr. Lloyd Larson

given by Cathryn Harrison and Nicki Kirton

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

The Lord's Prayer (VU 959)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 533 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings (sung once)

**May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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

Lectionary Readings for Sunday June 4, 2017

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11: 24-30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39