



from the Children's Table

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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Organ prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and news

Centering Music

Call to Worship/Approach*

Friends, let us prepare our hearts for worship

We gather for worship as many have done in this place before

Let us prepare our spirits for worship

We open our spirits and become aware of the great communion of saints all around us

Let's prepare for worship

In this place and in the wider church, generation after generation have lifted their voices in worship, and we take our place among them, seeking to be faithful to the traditions we have inherited; breathing new life into old ways to reflect this time and place; passing them along to those who will come after us.

Friends, let us worship God!

Hymn VU 705 For All the Saints

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, we remember those moments when we have not been agents of your peace, hope and compassion, and we pause.

We remember the cloud of witnesses who went before us, and ask that we might have some of their courage and vision and wisdom to live out your hopes for us today, as they did back then.

Help us follow your path of peace and your sacred call to love one another and to live with respect in creation, as shown to us through Jesus, the Christ.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Offering Doxology MV 36 Glory to God

One: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

One: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

One: Alleluya, amen!

All: Alleluya, amen! x 4

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Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts
from the work of our hands to the work of your church,
for the encouragement of all people and creation,
and with the love of Christ in our hearts.
Bless these gifts, and our lives, Amen**

Prayers of the People

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response VU 623 Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
a hidden beauty see
discern in us our richest hues,
show us the patterns we may use
to set our spirits free,
to set our spirits free.**

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Organ Postlude

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

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November 1 – All Saints' Day (Thursday)

Isaiah 25:6–9 A feast for all peoples.

Psalms 24 (VU pp. 750–751) The earth is God's.

Revelation 21:1–6a God makes a home among mortals.

John 11:32–44 The raising of Lazarus.

To Ponder - Have an imaginary conversation with a "saint" of your choosing (i.e., someone who has been a special blessing in your life). What do you admire about them? What did they teach you?

Lectionary readings November 4 – Twenty-fourth after Pentecost - Proper 26

Ruth 1:1–18 Ruth chooses to go with Naomi.

Psalms 146 (VU pp. 867–868) I'll praise my maker while I've breath.

Hebrews 9:11–14 Christ, the high priest of good things.

Mark 12:28–34 Which commandment is the first of all?

To Ponder - Who is it hard for you to include in God's love? Why?