



Restoration complete September, 2019

# **Sunday Worship**

**Westminster Church**

The United Church of Canada

*Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Pentecost 16 and**

**Confirmation of Membership**

**Sept. 29, 2019**

**10:30 am**

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 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\*

God calls to us every day, saying:

**Listen to my voice, deep within you—**

**sometimes quiet, sometimes loud and clear.**

God calls to us everyday, saying:

**Be still and know that I am with you—**

**gentle, powerful, unmistakable.**

God calls to us every day, saying:

**Be calm and ready always;**

**be my blessing in the world.**

God calls to us every day, saying:

**Bring all your stress and anxiousness to me always,  
for my love will hold you through all things.**

Let us worship God who calls to us always with thanks and praise!

*\*Written by Allan Buckingham, 2019 (adapted).*

**Hymn**    MV 154    Deep in Our Hearts

### **Prayer of Confession**

Into the dryness of our troubled world

**God sends a soaking shower of blessings.**

Into the anxiety, concerns, worries that surround us in our lives

**God breathes the calm of compassion.**

Into the struggles of human relationships, and our communities

**God brings the searching light of hope.**

Into the uncertainties, the wondering,  
and the challenges that mark our journeys

**God gently eases an affirming love that leaves time and limitations  
in the dust.**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### **Words of Assurance**

With each passing of the sun and each turning of the earth, God is with us, offering us new life, new beginnings, and new hope always. We are not alone, for God is with us.        **Thanks be to God, Amen**

**The Anthem** The Apple Tree

by K. Lee Scott

**The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

*Jennifer Babcock  
Annette Kletke*

**THE CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**THE PRESENTATION**

*Ted:* On behalf of the congregation of Westminster United Church, I present Jennifer Victoria Babcock who wishes to confirm and profess her faith proclaimed at the time of her baptism, and to become a member of the United Church of Canada and this congregation.

And I would like to present Annette Charlotte Kletke who wishes to confirm and reaffirm her faith proclaimed at the time of her baptism and confirmation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to become a member of the United Church of Canada and this congregation.

**THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES**

Jennifer and Annette, I ask you these questions so you may publicly profess your faith:

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

*Candidates respond: **I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.***

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

*Candidates respond: **I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.***

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ and join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others, and continue your spiritual path through learning, prayer and reflection?

*Candidates respond: **I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.***

### **CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT** *(stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to Annette and Jennifer our support and care:

**We celebrate this moment with you.**

**We will continue to walk with you, grow with you and support you.**

**With God's help we will live out our baptism  
as a loving community in Jesus Christ:**

**nurturing one another in faith,**

**upholding one another in prayer,**

**and encouraging one another in the ministry we are called to do.**

### **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.**

[Over]

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER**

Let us pray:

Holy God, through your gifts in all creation,  
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 RENEWAL OF FAITH AND LAYING ON OF HANDS IN CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND SIGNING OF HISTORIC ROLL**

### **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.**

*\*Following the Confirmation of Membership, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the Children's Table in the Narthex for a time of activity, story and conversation.*

## Scripture Readings

Susan Hachey

Timothy 6:6-12

Psalm 91 (VU 807, with sung refrain)

Luke 16:19-31

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

## Message

**Solo** A Time for Everything  
(given by Rebecca McIntosh)

arr. Mark Hayes

## 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** 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** (unison)

**Holy god, accept these gifts  
and the gifts that are our lives,  
and with these gifts, may we and this church  
be signs of your love and compassion in the world.  
Amen.**





**Lectionary Readings** (Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p 11. Used with permission.)

*Worship materials for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost to the World Communion Sunday were contributed by Vicki McPhee, Symons Valley U.C., Calgary, Alta.*

**October 6 – World Communion Sunday** (Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost)

**Proper 22**

**Lamentations 1:1–6**

The lonely city like a widow grieves.

**Lamentations 3:19–26**

Great is God's faithfulness.

or **Psalms 137** (VU pp. 858–859)

By the rivers of Babylon, we wept.

**2 Timothy 1:1–14**

A faith that lived in your grandmother and mother.

**Luke 17:5–10**

Faith as a mustard seed; we've done as we ought.

**To Ponder**

If you had to use an image for the size of your faith, what image would you use?