Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community Third after Pentecost June 30, 2019 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 VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148)*

Praise God from the highest heavens Praise God all you angels All who live in God's presence. **Praise God, sun and moon and all the glittering stars. Praise God above the skies, in the realms beyond our knowledge.** Praise God for rich earth and all things growing; Praise God for thunder, lightning and rain; For sunrises and sunsets And winds that blow at God's command. **Praise God for mountains and prairies, Orchards, cities, lakes, forests, and rock. Praise God in the highest heavens.**

Praise God for the first caretakers of this land and all who call Canada their home.

Praise be to God!

Hymn VU 228 Sing Praises to God

Prayer of Confession

In the midst of uncertain futures, we search for a way that is faithful to your vision, O God.

Into our moments of uncertainty, you breathe confidence.

In the midst of unknown futures, we search for a way that feels secure to us, O God.

Into our moments of darkness, discouragement and fear, you breathe reassurance.

In the midst of anxiety and isolation, we search for a way that gives us hope and connection, O God.

Into our moments of loneliness, you breathe the joy of friendship and connection with others.

In the midst of a broken world, we search for ways that will bring your peace and hope, O God.

Into the question "what can one person do" you breathe purpose and humble action.

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Peace May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Scripture Reading John Grivell Luke 9: 51-62

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers

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 VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God verse 3



Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Let us pray:

Accept these gifts, and the gifts that are our lives, and with these gifts may the hungry be fed, the lonely find comfort and your peace be made known through our world. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (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 633	Bless Now, O God, the Journey

- **Prayer** VU 525 You Embrace All Peoples (*spoken*)
- Hymn VU 525 O Canada

Commissioning and Sending Forth



Organ Postlude

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2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman comes to Elisha for healing from leprosy.

Psalm 30 (VU p. 757) God turns my mourning into dancing.

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

You reap what you sow; sow in the Spirit.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The mission of the 70 who carried nothing.

To Ponder

Humility as a staple in our faithful living: To be open to change and surprise, to share the Good News, we must carry very little and trust in God's Spirit.