



Baby bunnies from Prancing Pony Portable Petting Zoo, July 2017

George the calf from Prancing Pony Portable Petting Zoo, July 2017



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Labour Day

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

This morning we gather to worship - in thanksgiving and hope.

**In the name of Jesus we gather to rejoice with the Spirit who inspires us,
to worship the God who loves us each unconditionally,
and to celebrate the Christ who lives among us and within us. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn VU 569 **You Call Us Out**

Prayer of Confession

One: In the winds of change when we are swamped by our doubts,
help us to trust when we hear that quiet voice touching the depths of our being
saying, "Take heart, I am with you"

**All: When we slip from careful to fearful,
when we move from being practical to being cynical,
when we cannot allow ourselves to believe it will ever be different,**

One: help us to trust that we are not alone.....

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Scripture Readings: Carol Latter

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 337 Blessed Assurance

Message

Solo I Can Be Glad
given by Wes Rambo

arr. Lloyd Larson

Minute for Mission John Grivell

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 and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 504 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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, September 10 – *from Gathering, Pentecost 2*

Fourteenth after Pentecost

Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost

Worship materials for September 10 were contributed by Sue Morrison, Bells Corners U.C., Bells Corners, Ont.

Exodus 12:1–14 Instructions for the first Passover.

Psalms 149 (VU pp. 872–873) Sing to God a new song.

Romans 13:8–14 Owe no one anything but love.

Matthew 18:15–20 Where two or three are gathered in my name.

To Ponder

When have you experienced a paradigm shift in your life? What part did your faith play in this?