Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community Sunday, June 11, 2017 Trinity Sunday & Union Sunday (celebrating the 92nd anniversary of the United Church of Canada) 10:30 am

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

Prelude

Christ Candle is lit

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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. Words and Music: Marty Haugen, © GIA Publications 1996. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-720863

CALL TO WORSHIP/APPROACH

We gather in this place where refuge is found.

God be with us always

We gather in this place as people of peace

Christ be with us as we listen for your Word

We gather together as people seeking to live in faith and hope.

Spirit be with us as we seek inspiration

Come, let us worship the holy mystery that is holy God.

Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we gather here today to hear your word, to feel your presence and to inspire our living to be your compassionate people in this world..... Some of us gathered this morning struggle to forgive another; some of us gathered this morning yearn to be forgiven by another; and some of us gathered this morning struggle to forgive ourselves for our own limitations and short comings.

Gracious God, we yearn for the peace that only you can give, for the grace and strength to give and receive forgiveness so that our hearts are whole,

and for the courage to be as compassionate with ourselves as we seek to be with the rest of the world.....

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Anthem Open my Eyes

K. Lee Scott

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

Scripture Readings: Bob Burton 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20 Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 511 Before You Now, O God

Message ... teach this way of life.....

SoloTake My Life, and Let it be Consecratedby Mark Hayesgiven by 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 and the Lord's Prayer 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 321 Maker, in Whom We Live

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 18, 2017 Genesis 1:1-2, 4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20