



Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, August 13, 2017

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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*

A church that speaks many languages, dances to many rhythms, sings from the heart the songs of others, prepares their congregants to become disciples of God's church, takes time to learn, research, and invest in theology and hymns from a variety of cultures.

This is what transforms us into the inclusive and welcoming Christians God calls us to be.

Hymn VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession*

Come O Holy Spirit:

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,

Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,

Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,

Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,

Until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants in the world. (Adapted from Eric Milner-White. V.U. #197)

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body for we all partake of the one bread. In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divided from one another. "Love one another as I have loved you," Christ said.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you

Scripture Readings: Judy Hill

Philippians 3:4b-3:14

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 595 We Are Pilgrims

Message “Our Church, Cruise or Battle Ship” Rev. Don McIntyre

Solo Sing Ye a Joyful Song by A. Dvorak
Given by Cathryn Harrison

Offertory

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.

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 - Our Saviour’s Prayer

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of Your love through our offerings.

Grant courage to those who are hurt or lonely,

endurance to those who must care for others as sick family members or those who mourn. Give wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank You for gifts of love we receive from mothers, fathers, spouses, children, companions and friends. As we have been loved and felt welcome so may we love.

Grant us Your peace, through the Christ who inspires our faith. **Amen**

Hymn VU 675 Will Your Anchor Hold

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.*

*Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca> 2017(adapted)

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Lectionary Readings for August 20, 2017 from the Gathering

Eleventh after Pentecost

Worship materials for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost to the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost were contributed by Stephanie Richmond, Emmanuel College, Toronto, Ont.

Genesis 45:1–15 Joseph is reunited with his brothers.

Psalms 133 (VU p. 856) How pleasant it is when God's people are together.

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32 God has not rejected the Hebrews.

Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28 A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.

To Ponder

What have been your best experiences of family? Your worst? Where is God in your family?