

Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday Nov. 26, 2017

Reign of Christ Sunday &

Sacrament of Baptism

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 vs. 5

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard, and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words with-in the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Words and Music: Marty Haugen, © GIA Publications 1994. All rights reserved. Reprinted under
OneLicense.net #A-720863

Call to Worship* *(based on Psalm 100)*

Know that the Holy One is God.

We are God's people.

Worship the Holy One with gladness;

Come into God's presence with singing.

Enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise!

For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

Prayer of Approach

Hymn VU 211 **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Prayer of Reflection/Confession*

Loving God, too often

we overlook the needs of people around us

while we proclaim our commitment to love and serve others

seek justice and resist evil.

There is much to be done

to feed the hungry,

clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.

We often fail to see how our systems that are meant to help us instead diminish the humanity of all of us,

and deny healing to the most vulnerable and the least,

leave children in poverty

and keep strangers, refugees and newcomers at a distance.

Open our eyes and our hearts to see your presence in every person,
and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name.....

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance

Anthem In the Garden

arr. Mark Hayes

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation (see page 13)

Kevin Myles Bernier and **Brittany Leah Armstrong - Bernier** who wish to renew and confirm the faith proclaimed in their baptism.

And their child **Kinsley Page Bernier** is being presented for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism. Kinsley's godparents are **Kyle Scott Bernier** and **Tazmeen Amina Khan**.

Scripture Reading: Lynn E. Soens

Matthew 25: 31-40

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 600

When I Needed a Neighbour

Message *...the least of these - that was me.....*

Solo Exultate Jubilate

by W.A. Mozart

given by Cathryn Harrison

Gratitude Moment – Don and Val McIntyre

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 (spoken)

**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 443

God, We Pray at This Beginning

Commissioning and Sending Forth