



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for March 24, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Rev.Santoshan Dharampaul
Lent 3

"We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world."

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Psalms 47:1-3**

One: "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet."

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (VU 121 vss 4&5)**

OPENING PRAYER: **Proverbs 28:9**

One: "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination."

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah" (VU 651)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Romans 3:9-12**

One: "What then? Are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **Romans 8:38&39**

One: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Listen, God is calling" (MV 97 2X)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: **Psalms 28:1&2**

One: "Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my Rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my

supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle."

"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **Isaiah 28:9&10**

One: "Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little"

ANTHEM:

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" (VU806) (Sung By Congregation)"

"Psalm 63 (VU 781) (Spoken by Scripture Reader and Congregation)

Sung: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

One: You are my God, I long for you from early morning.
My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land.
My soul thirsts for you.

**All: In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your works,
Your constant love is better than life itself,
And so I will praise you.**

**Sung: Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

One: I will give thanks as long as I live,
I raise my hands in prayer.

**All: My soul will feast and be filled,
And I will sing and praise you.**

**Sung: Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

One: As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God,
I think of you all night long,
For you are my constant help.

**All: In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
I cling to you, your hands keep me safe.**

**Sung: A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

MEDITATION: **"Speak to the Rock!"**

†HYMN: **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (VU 288)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Children Deserve To Be Children"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Grant Us God the Grace" (VU540 2X)**

†DEDICATION:

All: Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and our whole lives to you. You provide for our needs and deepest longings. Take these gifts and help them be the water that quenches others' thirst, and the food that makes a rich feast of justice and peace in today's world.

A NEW CREED: **Spoken**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"In the Bulb There Is A Flower" (VU 703)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION: **Ephesians 6:10**

One: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

A JOURNEY WITH JESUS: A LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY (*Gathering-adapted*)

One: Now, almost halfway through our Lenten journey, we are invited to look at our own lives and consider what we need to let go. It could be anything from a bad outfit, to an outdated method of relating to others, to a toxic relationship. As we honestly examine our souls, we will find that they are often cluttered. Now is the time to let go of all that interferes with our relationship with God and nurture those parts of our lives that lead to wholeness and faithfulness.

Extinguish the third candle

Announcements

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **"Lunch at FAM Event"** coming soon. FAM will be hosting lunch at noon on the first 4 Tuesdays in April, serving soup, dessert & a beverage for only \$5.00. Gluten free options will be available. This is a fundraiser for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter

Gordon Memorial United Church "Spring Tea"

Sunday, March 31 @ 2-4pm Tickets are \$5:00 at the door or call Reita Wilson @ (403)548-3517. Prizes and Bake Table!

"Come Walk With Me" an Easter Cantata performed by The Westminster United Church Choir and Directed by Chris White will be performed during Sunday Service April 14th & another date to soon be announced.

"Raising the Roof in Song" – coffee house style entertainment in Taylor Hall with many popular local talents performing on Friday, April 5, 7:00pm at St John's Presbyterian Church (504-2 St SE). Free will offering to help offset the costs of Taylor Hall roof repairs. Refreshments & snacks provided.

Irvine Spring Supper at Peace United Church will be held on Sunday April 7th There will be two seating's: 4:30 & 6pm. Fare will include Ham, sausage and perogies. There will also be a silent auction and bake sale. Tickets for Adults are \$17.00 and \$10.00 for children. To purchase tickets call: 403 527-0206.

Living the Questions 2.0 Progressive Faith Study @ FAM Final Session: "Honoring Creation" March 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Memorial-Salem Room (library/lounge).

Changes to Food Bank Sunday: you will have the opportunity to donate cash to the local Food Bank as an alternative to bringing in food donations. A separate envelope will be passed around during the offering and if you wish you may add any amount and it will be forwarded to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Celebrate Music VI will be held on April 14th hosted by Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church at 7pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from Stone Furs, FAM office, Proceeds go to the Tower Restoration Fund.

March and April editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for March are allocated to Haitian Coffee

Lenten Mid-Week Services will begin March 6th on Ash Wednesday until April 10th. All services begin at 7 p.m. at the Following Host Congregations:

March 27	St. John's Presbyterian (504 2nd St. S.E.)	Rev. Jeff Decelle
April 3rd	Westminster United (101 6th St. S.E.)	Rev. Oz Lorentzen
April 10th	Unity Lutheran (599 12th Street N.W.)	Rev. Kristy Reimers-Loader

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Murray Bell
<i>Greeters:</i>	Doug & Velma Pearson
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Murray Bell
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Dawn Knowles
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Linda Kisell & Donna Scharf
<i>Sound :</i>	Hayley McKim
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Pat Evans