



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for May 12th, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Bob Cruikshank

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Along with all those in heaven, we cry out in a loud voice saying,
People: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Leader: Along with the redeemed, we praise God with loyal hearts saying,
People: "For this reason alone are we before the throne of God, and worship the Lord day and night."

Leader: As the people of God, called together by the Holy Spirit, we are able to praise God and sing,

People: "We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life."

All: Let us worship God!

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Christ Within Us is Hidden" (MV 162 vs 1&3)**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: God of the ages, God of today, you are compassion; our cup overflows. You are hope; you lead us into green pastures.

You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams. You are life; you restore our souls.

You are happiness; our cup overflows.

Morning, noon, and night, O God, you are perfect grace and our source of joy.

We gather to worship you as the creating Parent, the restoring Son and the discerning and encouraging Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN: **"Shall We Gather at the River" (VU 710)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: Merciful God, we confess we have strayed from you and your ways like lost sheep. Too often we have followed the desires of our own hearts, ignoring your desires and the true needs of others. We have judged ourselves pure when we are not; considered ourselves great when we are small. We have failed in love and ignored your truth. We are lost! Find us and forgive our foolishness and pride. Return us to your paths of truth and love. In Jesus' merciful and loving name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: From Jesus, our risen Saviour, who sits at God's right hand, come both repentance and forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven. Forgive one another and forgive yourself, trusting in God's powerful grace.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (VU 356 vs 1&2)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (VU 959 Sung)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: God of wisdom, as we listen to your word, may we be filled with understanding and insight. By your Spirit, reveal the mysteries of faith to us, so that we may grow in faith and wisdom. And help us to find where and when your age-old truth is applicable and relevant in our world today. We pray in the name of Jesus, the living Word.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 9: 36-43

One: This is the witness of the Church

All: Thanks be to God

John 10: 22-30

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ, the Living Word

ANTHEM: **"God Will Open a Door"**

SERMON: **"Security in Being Sheep" (John 21:1-19)**

†HYMN: **"Are You a Shepherd?" (MV 126)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Community Bridge"**

GUEST VOCALIST SHANNON BERGSTRESER: **"I Dreamed of Rain"**

LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" (VU 537 vs 1)**

†DEDICATION:

Leader: Generous God, we thank you for all we have received from your generous hand and heart, which brings us hope and joy.
Bless these gifts we offer, and all our best intentions and kindly deeds.
May all this caring and concern help to establish your Kingdom and rule in this world you loved – and love - so much.
What we have and who we are at our best, we give you in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A NEW CREED: **Spoken**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (VU 570)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

Leader: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Listen Christ has promised to be in our world as in our worship.

All: Amen! We go out to serve him.

†SENDING FORTH: **"We Shall go Out with Hope of Resurrection" (VU 586)**

†CHORAL AMEN

Postlude

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.



A special thanks to Shannon Bergstreser for performing for us this morning!

Update from the Joint Search Committee:

The Joint Search Committee will be extending the deadline for ministerial applications to May 31, 2019 due to continued technical difficulties with the new ChurchHub system.

***Cam Lockerbie
Chair***

Tending the Garden of your Heart Spring Rains 2019

May 10—7-9pm

May 11—9-3:30

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

635 4th St SE - Medicine Hat

Registration - \$25 - includes lunch

* Featuring teaching from the Ignatian Spiritual Tradition by Charles Pottie-Pâté SJ

To register, or for more information, please contact:

Lynne 403-526-7713 email: office@stbmh.ca

May/June editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for May are allocated to the UCW

The U.C.W will be holding a "bakeless" bake sale fundraiser every Sunday at W.U.C throughout the month of May:

*A bit of news we have today--
A bakeless bake sale is on the way.
On these busy days, now who would bake
Pies, cookies, or even cakes?*

*You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat, and the time you've lost.
Cookies for a sale is extra work
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.*

*So we've thought of a plan that is grand
And we feel quite certain that you will understand.
In a little envelope please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.*

*Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale--
Thank you for helping our Bakeless Bake Sale!!*

Cheques made payable to Westminster U.C.W.--not to the church.)



Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Linda Kisell
<i>Greeters:</i>	Linda Kisell & Albina Jackson
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Wilton Thorsteinson
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Sharon Clay
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Wayne & Arlea Harper
<i>Sound :</i>	Hayley McKim
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Pat Marshall

