



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for November 17th, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Dr. Bob Cruickshank

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: Beneath the mists of time, before the world began,

PEOPLE: **beyond our understanding: in the beginning...God.**

L: Fathering history, mothering creation,

P: **parenting earth's people from the beginning...God.**

L: Expecting the right moment, preparing the right way,

P: **revealing the right person, for each new beginning...God.**

ALL: **We believe in one God, maker and mover of heaven and earth.**

**And so let us worship.**

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"O Let the Power Fall on Me" (MV 13)**

OPENING PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**God who listens, you have heard the cries of your people. You have felt our despair and our fear, and in your love you have offered us hope and renewal. Your intention for creation is to know joy and delight. You are at work in your creation and in your church, so that all that stands broken will be made new. You are making a new heaven and a new earth, a place where your justice will be known and no one will labour in vain. Security, peace and abundance will be the hallmarks of our future in you, when all your creatures will know rejoicing and delight. We give you thanks for this promised future which we can already know this very day through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"(VU 245)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **(Unison)**

**God of majesty and mercy, as people seeking your new heaven and new earth, we come to you confessing all the ways we have stood in the way of your new creation.**

**You have called us to a life of joy, yet we remain caught up in traps of anger and mistrust. We hold on to past hurts.**

**We forgive all too slowly but expect others to let bygones be bygones. We forget that all your people are called into your kingdom, preferring to invite in only those like us. Forgive our old ways of thinking and acting.**

**Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love, so that we may bring your joy and delight into the world. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **(Leader)**

Friends, hear the Good News! God does marvelous things! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with righteousness, equity and mercy.

All things have been made new in Christ, and our sin is forgiven ! Thanks be to God!

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Open Our Hearts" (MV 21 2X)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **(Leader)**

O Lord our God, you speak a word of challenge and a word of comfort through the Scriptures. Send your Spirit upon us to open our hearts and minds to your Word. Renew our understanding so we find our faith strengthened and our call to act made clear. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

ISAIAH 65: 17-25

One: These are the words of the ancient prophets

**All: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 98 (VU #818 Refrain 2)

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to God a new song,

**for God has done marvelous things.**

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**You have made known your salvation,  
and revealed before the nations your saving power.**

You have remembered your steadfast love

And faithfulness to the house of Israel,

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

**break into joyous praise, sing psalms.**

Sing psalms to God with the harp,

**with the harp and melodious voice.**

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

**make a joyful noise before our sovereign God.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

**the world, and its inhabitants.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,

**the hills sing together for joy before God**

You come to judge the earth, O God,

**to judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

One: This is the witness of the ancient song-writers.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: **"Declare Your Maker's Praise"**

2 THESSALONIANS 3: 6-13

One: This is the witness of the Church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: **"Do Not Be Weary in Doing What is Right"**

†HYMN: **"Like a Healing Stream"** (MV 144)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Adventure Camp"**

LIFE AND WORK:

INVITATION TO OFFERING: **(Leader)**

Each week we pray for the coming of God's kingdom. Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we offer our gifts to God for the work of the Kingdom here and now. Your offering and gifts will now be received.

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION: **(Unison)**

**Mighty and merciful God, we celebrate your goodness to us each and every day. We offer our gifts to you in gratitude for what we already enjoy. Bless them and bless us so that your goodness will be spread to touch other lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and savior. Amen.**

†A NEW CREED: **(Sung)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"May the God of Hope Go With Us"** (VU 424)

†COMMISSIONING:

LEADER: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,  
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

L: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

L: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Listen: Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship.  
ALL: **Amen. We go to serve him!**

†CHORAL AMEN **(Spiritual)**

†SENDING FORTH: **"Halle Halle Halle"** (VU 958 2X)

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.**

### **WUCW Poinsettia Tea**

**Saturday, November 23rd, 2019**

**2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

\$5.00 per person

Bake Sale plus Craft and Jewelry Tables

**Westminster United Church**

Go mad shopping at **Midnight Madness, Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 to 9 PM at St John's Presbyterian Church** (504 – 2 Street SE). Please enter through the blue 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue doors. Enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie to warm you up before shopping around for crafts, baked goods, homemade preserves, "new to you" Christmas items, "gently used" jewellery, and "second hand" books. **Supper will be served from 4 to 8 PM** with chili and a bun, cake and whipped topping, coffee, tea, juice: \$8 or \$4 for children 12 & under. *Hope to see you at St John's!*

**Westminster United Church will be hosting "Blue Christmas" on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2p.m with Rev. David Pollard leading the service**

### **Carolfest**

an evening of choirs and carols Sunday, December 8 @ 7p.m.

Featuring: Choirs from: St John's Presbyterian Unity & Victory Lutheran, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Gordon Memorial, Westminster & Fifth Avenue Memorial United The Veiner Center choir, the TarTones, Ella Hoffarth, Josie Hoffarth, Expandable Brass, and Darrel Maier

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church 476 – 4 St SE Admission is free / Refreshments to follow

**The November/December Edition of the "Upper Room" is available on the ramp**

***Drive a Friend to Church***

We are fine tuning our Drive a Friend plan. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Pat Marshall or Jennifer in the church office.

Donations at Coffee Time during November are allocated to the Champion Centre

***Assisting with the Service This Morning***

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Al Piotrowski
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Albina Jackson, Doug & Velma Pearson
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	BJ Maddaford
<b><i>Minutes For Mission</i></b>	Wally Bergstreser
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	Linda Kisell, Wally & Vivian Bergstreser
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Hayley McKim
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Evans