



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for May 19th, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Santoshan Dharampaul

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Jeremiah 33:3**

One: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

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

OPENING PRAYER: **Exodus 3:5&6**

One: "And He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover He said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God."

SHARING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN: **"Spirit of the Living God" (VU 376)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Isaiah 53:6**

All: **"We like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **2 Timothy 1:12**

One: "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: **Judges 20:23**

One: "And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him."

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **Matthew 12:39&40**

One: "But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 148 (VU 871) Refrain (VU 217)

MEDITATION: **"Great Faith"**

†HYMN: **"I See a New Heaven" (VU 713)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Hope under the Rainbow"**

LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION:

ALL: God of everything, Loving and Creating One, We are together to listen to your Wisdom about living together in harmony.

Being humble friends to each other, to all people, and to all creatures isn't easy, and treating all other living beings well is sometimes something we simply don't do. We ask you to help us establish and maintain good relationship with all life around us.

May our offerings today, which come out of the time, talent, and treasure you have given us, serve in your continuing creation of life. May they be true indications of our humility and gratitude and useful materials in the human work of building reconciliation between each other and with the earth. Amen.

†A NEW CREED: **Spoken**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"O Christian, Love" (VU 594)**

‡COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION: **Galatians 6:9&10**

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

‡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.

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

The Church Office will be closed May 20th and re-open on May 21st

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>	Melanie Rattai
<i>Greeters:</i>	Clara & Everett White
<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Al Olson
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Sandra McDonald
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Linda Kisell & Sharon Clay
<i>Sound :</i>	Melanie Rattai
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Pat Marshall
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Pat Evans