



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for June 9th, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Helen Reid  
The Day of Pentecost/Communion

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: **based on Psalm 104:24-35b**

*O LORD, how manifold are your works!*

***In wisdom you have made them all;***  
*the earth is full of your creatures.*

***Yonder is the sea, great and wide,***  
*creeping things innumerable are there,*  
***living things both small and great.***

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**Praise the LORD!**

Come, let us worship God.

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Come Down O Love Devine" (VU 367 vs 1&2)**

OPENING PRAYER:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God, you love us by creating us and calling us here.  
You love us by giving us your Spirit-breath.  
You love us by journeying with us always.  
And so we come together. We give thanks for our life in Christ in your  
beautiful creation. We sing out our happiness with joyous voices. We  
commit to journey with You and each other in peace. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN: **"Praise the Lord, the Almighty" (VU220)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, Creator and lover of the universe,  
we confess that we have sometimes

put out the light of joy in someone else  
with an unkind word or a thoughtless act.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

We confess that we have sometimes  
put poisons in the sky that hurt the air  
and put litter in the earth that hurts the soil.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

We confess that we have sometimes  
taken more than our share from the bounty of the earth  
and left others with less than they need.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

We confess that we have sometimes  
driven the other creatures who share our world  
out of their homes and habitats  
or we have killed them needlessly.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

We confess that we have sometimes  
made war with other human beings  
or treated them badly because they  
differ from us.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

We confess that we have sometimes  
not taken Sabbath time.  
We have not paused to rest and be refreshed.  
We have not trusted that you will provide what we need.

**Forgive us, holy God.**

Hear us now as we make personal confession, and forgive us, we pray.  
*(Time of silent reflection)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God created us in God's own image:

an image of love, of wisdom, of hope.

God came in Jesus, in human form to forgive us and to companion us in all  
our affairs.

God's own Spirit gives us strength and guidance  
to live this good news.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Lord Prepare Me" (MV 18 2X)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **(VU 197)**

**God, Holy Spirit, come to us, come among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse;  
come as fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh:  
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives  
to our great good and your greater glory.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21** ( *paraphrase adapted from-Gathering (Ali Anningson, University of New Brunswick Chaplain, Fredericton, N.B.)*)

One: This is the witness of the early Church

**All: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: **"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 14:8-17**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

**All: Praise to Christ, the Living Word**

SERMON: **"Trinity-Our Name for God"**

†HYMN: **"I Am a Child of God" (MV 157)**

LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"We Give You but Your Own" (VU 542)**

†DEDICATION:

**Generous and giving God, we present these gifts as token of our love for you and for your church. Use them and us in the service of your Kingdom, For Jesus sake, Amen.**

A NEW CREED: **(sung)**

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

**For we all partake of the one bread.**

In Christ God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves, and divide us from one another.

**We are the body of Christ.**

At this table we bear witness to our faith

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness, and healing to our world.**

**Let us receive the Bread of Life.**

God is with us.

**We are not alone**

Christ is present here

**The Spirit is among us**

Let us give thanks to God

**We do, in memory and in hope**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Mighty God, Creator of heaven and earth We praise you O God.

**We praise you O God.**

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden, you showed Noah a rainbow. You gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing, You gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth. You helped David defeat the giant and gave him a harp to make music, You spoke through your prophets who looked for that day when justice would roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We praise you God

**We praise you God**

Yet, even they turned away from you and forgot about you, as we do too, But you did not forget us. You continue to show how much you love us and to bring us back to yourself again. We praise you, O God..

**We praise you O God.**

Jesus came as one of us, first an infant, then a child, later a youth then an adult. He rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept. To the despairing he spoke a word of hope, to the sick; he gave healing, to the hurting he was a friend.

Again people turned away from you They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross. But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life, that he might be with us and we with him alive for evermore

Therefore with all the faithful of every time and place we join the angels in their praise

**Holy, holy holy Lord**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

As we gather at this table, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends He took a loaf of bread and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying,

"Take eat, this is my body, given for you.

Each time you do this remember me."

Then he took the cup and after giving thanks,  
passed it to his friends saying,

"Drink, This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my  
blood. Whenever you drink it remember me."

Remembering his death and celebrating his resurrection, we await with hope his  
coming again. to bring peace and justice to the earth

In this faith and as your people we proclaim the mystery of our faith

**Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
and Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here. May these gifts of bread and  
wine be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we, touched by your Spirit may be  
signs of life and love to each other, and to the world

**through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory be yours, God most holy forever and  
ever. Amen**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**Gracious God, You have invited us to be part of this foretaste of the  
heavenly banquet you are preparing for us. May what we have done here  
so put its mark upon us that we may be equipped to welcome others into  
the joy and service of your kingdom. At this Pentecost:**

**We take courage in the assurance of whose we are;**

**we affirm our call to be Christ's disciples; and**

**we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space between  
who we are and who we will be.**

**Surely, we are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

✠CLOSING HYMN: **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (VU 481)**

✠COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

In this Pentecost moment,

let us give all thanks and glory to God,

**whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the church, and through the Spirit,

now and forever,

Amen.

✠SENDING FORTH: **"Dance with the Spirit" (MV 156)**

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Resources for this service are adapted from Seasons of the Spirit or Gathering Pentecost 1 2019 Year C*

### **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.

Tomorrow we remember the 94th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

It is now time to consider signing up to be on PAR (Pre authorized remittance) the holiday season is coming up and we don't attend on a regular basis, but the expenses of the church don't stop so we need your funds all year around. The donation you select comes out of your bank account on the 20th of the month and is put in Westminster's bank account the same day. It is so easy that you will wonder why you didn't do this sooner. The forms are in all the pews. Just fill that in & give us a voided cheque. For more information, contact Donna Scharf at 403-526-1555 or [rdscharf@shaw.ca](mailto:rdscharf@shaw.ca)

The WUC Mission & Outreach Committee will be collecting cash donations to be allocated towards the Medicine Hat Food Bank on the First Sunday of every month. Sunday Worship Services for July 2019 will be held at Westminster United Church.

The July/August Edition of the Upper Room is available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for during June are allocated to Haitian Coffee

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

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<b>Elder-in-Charge:</b>	Anna-Marie Hancock
<b>Greeters:</b>	Rose & Dan Connor
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Pat Marshall
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Jeanette Zollner & Sharon Clay
<b>Sound :</b>	Pat Evans
<b>PowerPoint Operator:</b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</b>	Pat Marshall

***Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!***