



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for June 16th, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Dr. Bob Cruickshank  
Trinity Sunday

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and honour. Come and worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People:** **We gather here, seeking God...the strength of the Creator to lean on, the peace of Jesus to calm our souls, the mystery of the Spirit ever present to urge us onward.**

**All:** **To the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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

OPENING PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**Holy One, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we experience you, the blessed Trinity, ever three and ever one.**

**As God the Parent, you bless us with creative hope and new possibility.**

**As God the Son, you open the doors of your kingdom for us and welcome us into abundant life.**

**As God the Holy Spirit, you pour your gifts upon us so that we might know your love in deep and transformational ways.**

**We praise you for the many ways you touch our lives and draw us closer to you.**

**As we gather here in your mystery and majesty, fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and honour your holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit... creating, redeeming, and renewing us as one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (VU 232)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **(Unison)**

**Holy God, the Psalmist says that you have made us in your image, but less than divine, crowning us with glory and honour.**

**We often find it difficult to live with such expectations. We say that we are "only human", that we really can't BE better or DO better.**

**Forgive us for giving up on ourselves so easily. Show us again the goodness and love for which we are created and intended.**

**Heal us, renew us, transform us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

**Leader:** God is ready to forgive, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in unconditional love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another, through the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **(Unison)**

**God of the all-creating Word, as we listen to and hear the words of Scripture, reveal the mysteries of faith to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**May we grow in faith and hear your call to witness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **(Psalm 8) & (Romans 5: 1-5)**

ANTHEM: **"No Greater Love"**

SCRIPTURE READING: **John 16: 12-15**

SERMON: **"Go With Mystery!"**

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Sharing Circle"**

LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION:

**LEADER:** In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church, filling it with the gifts we need to serve those we encounter in Jesus' name.

As we present our offering this morning, may God fill us with the gifts of grace and generosity, so that our love overflows in the example of Christ himself.

In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A NEW CREED: **Sung**

✠CLOSING HYMN: **"May the God of Hope Go With Us" (VU 376)**

✠COMMISSIONING:

**Leader:** Wherever we go,

**All:** May the joy of God the gracious be with us.

**Leader:** Wherever we go,

**All:** May the face of Christ the kindly be with us.

**Leader:** Wherever we go,

**All:** May the Spirit of grace surround us.

**Leader:** Wherever we go,

**All:** My we experience the presence of the Trinity around us, to bless and keep us.

✠BENEDICTION

**LEADER:** Go in peace. Love the Lord. And may the blessing of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one, be with you now and always. Amen.

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

✠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.

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 10:25 am 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  
***Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!***

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

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Murray Bell
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Pat & Stan Bohnet
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	Murray Bell
<b><i>Minutes for Mission:</i></b>	Murray Bell
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	Linda Kisell & Sharon Clay
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Hayley McKim
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Evans

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day