



Westminster United Church **Worship Service for July 21, 2019**

Pentecost 6

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Dr. Bob Cruickshank

A warm welcome to all our friends from 5th Avenue Memorial United Church worshipping here today. We hope you will be here with us often in July and we look forward to joining you for worship at 5th Avenue in August.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: the Lord is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives. Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: One thing we shall ask of the Lord: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

All: Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

One: As we wait on the Lord, let us be strong and of good courage.

All: God has called us, and we have come. Let us worship God together!

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "***Lord Prepare Me***" (MV 18 2X)

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, three in one and one in three: Your wisdom is light in the darkness; your love for us is kind and true.

On the first day of the week, you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

On the first day of the week, you began your new creation, raising Christ out of the darkness of death, breathing new life into your world.

On this first day of the week, you waken us from our slumbers and distractions, and call us to worship you in the light of truth and beauty.

And so we come to this place to worship you as the living Creator, the loving and beloved Son, and the guiding Spirit. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE:

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of peace with each other.

✠OPENING HYMN: "***Open My Eyes, that I May See***" (VU 371)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **(Unison)**

God of majesty and mercy, we confess that we lose track of you at times, in the rush of our lives.

We are easily distracted by insignificant things, and worried about matters of little concern.

We resent the gifts of others, and take too much pride in our own.

Forgive what is unworthy in our lives, and focus our attention on what matters.

Make us more and more your people, shaped by your forgiveness and your intentions for us. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Hear these words from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Be assured and encouraged in the power of the Almighty One, who forgives you, loves you, and promises that new life is yours, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Come to My Heart" (VU 661 vs3)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response after each prayer:

One: God of Love; **ALL: Hear Our Prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **(SPOKEN)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: God of wisdom, by your Spirit, open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your good news, and our hands to do your will.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Living Word.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

CHORAL SCRIPTURE: **PSALM 52 (VU 777)**

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

All: Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING: **Luke 10:38-42**

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Living Word.

SERMON: **"Holiness in the Ordinary"**

†HYMN: **"Take My Life and Let it Be" (VU 506)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION:

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY: **"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"**

†DOXOLOGY: **"As Those of Old" (VU 518 vs 3)**

†DEDICATION: **(Unison)**

Loving God, Martha offered the work of her hands to Jesus, and Mary offered him her close attention. We bring the gifts we have to offer you. Bless and multiply them.

Help us to choose wisely how they can best serve your purposes in our church and in your world. May the holiest moments and our most ordinary times, both be our offerings to you, generous and gracious God. Amen.

THE NEW CREED: (Sung)

†CLOSING HYMN: **"The Church's One foundation" (VU 331)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

One: Go from this place... do not be worried or distracted.

Go from this place...in joy and in peace.

Go from this place with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

†SENDING FORTH HYMN: **"You Shall Go Out with Joy" (VU 884 2X)**

†CHORAL AMEN: (VU 967)

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 is now moving onto secondary interviews with select candidates. We hope to conduct these interviews in late July.

**Cam Lockerbie
Chair**

St. Barnabas Church would like to invite you all to join them on Wednesdays at 12:30 at for Communion. Together we come to the Lord's Table to share His body, His blood, His life and His love.

The "Westminstrels" will be performing during Worship service on Sunday July 28th!

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

Donations at Coffee Time for during July are allocated to the Champion Centre

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

Elder-in-Charge:	Murray Bell
Scripture Reader:	Murray Bell
Minutes for Mission	Sharon Clay
Greeters:	Rosie & Dan Connor
Coffee Hosts:	Linda Kisell, Lynne Graff & All Piotrowski
Sound	Hayley McKim
PowerPoint Operator	Kathy Nielsen
Lift Operator	Pat Evans