



**Westminster United Church
Worship Service for September 8th, 2019
Creation Time**

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Kristy Reimers-Loader

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said,

"Let there be light!"

And the light was! God said,

"This is great!"

In the burning bush,
in the column of fire,
in the bright of the day,
in the sparkle of night—

**the fires of creation
have pointed us in the direction of God.**

With the light in our eyes,
with the warmth on our faces,
with the love in our hearts—

let us worship God!

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✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Come Touch our Hearts" (MV 12)**

OPENING PRAYER:

You are the flame that warms us strangely,
Creator of All.

You are the voice that calls us to love,
O Christ.

You are the tug and dance that moves us anew,
Holy Spirit.

Open us to your warmth,
your call, and your dance, God.

Because we are ready.

Ready to go. Amen.

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SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (VU 395)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of life,
all that we are, all that we do,
all that we have done
is known to you,
**Forgive us our wrongdoings, Lord,
and continue to build in us what is good.**
All that we might be,
our dreams and aspirations,
await your inspiration
and your encouragement.
Inspire us, Lord, to do what is right.

(a time of silent reflection)

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

Our God is merciful, kind, and just.
God's steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to God!

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"O, Great Spirit" (VU 239 2X)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

We give thanks, O God,
for Holy Scripture
and for your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ.
Open our hearts, Lord,
so that in hearing your good Word,
we may be inspired to the highest good.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

One: This is the witness of the Hebrew scriptures

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

PSALM: **"I Have Called You by Your Name" (MV 161)**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LUKE 14:25-33

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

†HYMN: **"Let Us Build a House" (MV 1)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Singing for Inclusion"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (VU 541)**

†DEDICATION:

Lord, accept this offering from our open hands and hearts.

We give with joy and gratitude for the many blessings we have received in this life.

May this offering be acceptable in your sight.

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Draw the Circle Wide" (MV 145)**

†COMMISSIONING:

Let us go out into creation as the people of God,

willing to love and serve in hope and faith
in this troubled world.

Go forth created by God, called by the Spirit,
and readied to proclaim the Good News of Christ Jesus:
the kingdom of God not only awaits us,
but is here in our midst this very day! Amen.

✠SENDING FORTH: **"Travel On, Travel On" (VU 647 Vs 1)**

✠BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

✠CHORAL AMEN **(VU 969)**

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.

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.

Happy 17th Birthday Hayley!!!

Joint Search Committee Update

The Joint Search Committee has been working hard and steady since January. We have conducted a number of interviews including some exceptional candidates. We had a recent highly suitable candidate who was extremely interested in the position. In August we did offer that candidate the position. The candidate initially accepted, but later had to decline our offer.

The Joint Search Committee, therefore, decided to take a much deserved break/hiatus for the rest of August. However, we will reconvene in September to work towards next steps and options in an expedited manner.

*The silver lining is that this Joint Search Committee has really gelled well, and we now know how to do the job in an expedited manner, so any further actions should go much quicker and without a hitch.
And now ChurchHub works great, so we won't have that issue again moving forward.*

*Sincerely,
Cam Lockerbie, Chair
Joint Search Committee*

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.

Bible Study will be beginning Wednesday, September 11th @ 10:00 a.m at Chinook Village. Join in for great discussion!

The Westminster UCW would like to thank the congregation for their generous support in the appeal for the Bake less Bake Sale in the spring. The UCW will be able to continue supporting some outreach projects this fall. The amount realized was \$1200. Thank You very much.

The September/October Edition of the Upper Room is available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for during September are allocated to the UCW

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Marg Taylor
<i>Greeters:</i>	Donna Scharf
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Sharon Clay
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Dawn Knowles
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Mike & Joan Jantzie, Al Piotrowski and Lynne Graff
<i>Sound :</i>	Pat Evans
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	