



**Westminster United Church
Worship Service for September 15th, 2019
Creation Time 2**

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The world belongs to the Lord,

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: Lord, open our lips

ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Come Touch Our Hearts" (MV 12 vs 1-2)**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Shepherding God, what a blessing it is to come to worship you this morning! Here we discover your true character, and your greatest hopes for the world. Here we find that we are sought after and welcomed, loved and forgiven, and invited to rest in your care.

Let this time of worship fill us with grace, renewing us and transforming us, so that we are made ready to go out into the world again. Move among us by the power of your Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"This Is the Day, This The Day" (VU 412)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: Lord God, we come to worship today, and the week just passed, falls away behind us. We know that there were mistakes and failures, stresses and worries, disappointments and poor choices.

We did not follow Jesus the way we meant to. We did not love and respect others as we could and should have.

Forgive all the ways that our lives did not reflect your love and mercy. Set us free now to begin again in the power of your grace and in the knowledge of your redeeming love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The Letter to the Romans asks, "Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us".

Friends: Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free by God's most generous grace.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

As we approach your Word, let your Spirit move within us and among us. May we hear love, grace and mercy, and the call to follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

Luke 15: 1-10

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON: **"God's Search and Rescue"**

†HYMN: **"Like a Child" (VU 366)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Support for Students"**

LIFE AND WORK:

INVITATION TO OFFERING:

In Jesus' parable, the woman who found her lost coin rejoiced over something precious to her. What we offer to God is precious to us. When we present it to God the maker and giver of all things, God rejoices in our gifts. Let us bless and show our love for God, with our gifts and offerings.

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION:

Lord God, receive these gifts offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world in Jesus' name. Amen

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (VU 232)**

†COMMISSIONING:

Leader: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Listen! Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship.
All: Amen. We go to serve him!

†SENDING FORTH: **"Travel On, Travel On" (VU 647 Vs 2)**

‡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.

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.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH in Irvine is holding a Roast Beef Fall Dinner Silent Auction and Bake Sale on September 29th from 4:30-6:00(Two Sittings). Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. For tickets please call (403) 527-0206

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>	Murray Bell
<i>Greeters:</i>	Pat & Stan Bohnet
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Margaret Laing
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Sharon Clay
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Albina Jackson
<i>Sound :</i>	Hayley McKim
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Pat Evans



