



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for September 29th, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Jeanette Zollner

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

A heartfelt thank-you to and warm welcome to Shelley Goldbeck from Nanton, Alberta! Shelley will be presenting today's message and was featured during "Cowboy Poetry Night".

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 91

Those who love God,
God will deliver.
Those who know God by name,
God will protect.
Those who call out to God,
God will answer.
We gather this morning,
as those who trust God.

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Come Touch our Hearts" (MV 12 vss 1&4)**

OPENING PRAYER: (Jeremiah 32, Psalm 91, 1 Timothy 6)

Almighty God,
you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss,
you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN: **" I See a New Heaven" (VU713)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Triune God,
you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future.

When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 91

God's loving presence never abandons us,
not even when we abandon God.
God delivers those who seek and love the Lord.
All we have to do is call, and God answers us.
God answers us with rescue and honor,
forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" by Stompin' Tom Connors (Sung by Jen Zollner)

Passing the Peace of Christ

We call out to God and God answers us. Invited into the shelter of the Most High, we rejoice and greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Gathering, Beth Johnston)

Surprising God, your ways are often not the ways of the world, yet the simple things in life can teach us a great deal about you. Open us to your message as we read familiar passages about people whose lives are not all that different from our own. Help us through our encounter of the scripture to make decisions day by day to be your loving disciples. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 "On Eagles' Wings" (VU pp. 808-809)

One: This is the witness of the ancient song-writers
All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 16: 19-31

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ
All: Thanks be to God

Message Presented by Shelley Goldbeck: "**A Living Prayer**" (reading the fine print in the Lord's Prayer)

†HYMN: "**Leaning on Everlasting Arms**" (Gospel Song 76)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: "**Gifts That Transform Lives!**"

LIFE AND WORK:

Invitation to the Offering (1 Timothy 6)

Wealth, status, and success are uncertain, but we can trust God's abundant provision, and God's desire that we enjoy what we have. Let us respond by working for justice, living generously, and sharing with others.

OFFERTORY:

"The Circuit Riding Preacher" performed by Jen Zollner and Shelley Goldbeck.
(Please join in during sing-a-long parts!)

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

Offering Prayer (1 Timothy 6)

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment; thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: "**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**" (VU684)

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION: **(Psalm 91, 1 Timothy 6)**

Pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are
and everything you have.
Take hold of the life to which God calls you.
Go forth, rejoicing in God.

Thanks be to God!

✠SENDING FORTH: **"Travel On, Travel On" (VU 647 Vs 4)**

✠CHORAL AMEN **(VU 969)**

Postlude

(All prayers today with the exception of those noted were derived from Ministry Matters)

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.

Joint Search Committee Update

The Joint Search Committee met again on September 23rd and is continuing to actively search for a full-time Minister for Westminster United Church. Our vacancy continues to be posted on ChurchHub and we continue to receive interest from ministry personnel. We are working hard as a committee to find the right candidate for our congregation, and as such we will be very busy at this task.

The Joint Search Committee has really gelled well and gained a lot of knowledge and experience, so we should be able to progress in an expedited manner.

Sincerely,

Cam Lockerbie, Chair

Fall Newsletter

It's time to put together our Fall Newsletter!! If you would like to contribute to the upcoming newsletter, please email me your submissions at annah@telusplanet.net If you can't email me, just drop off your items to my mailbox on the ramp. Deadline for submissions is Monday, October 7th. Thanks very much!!

Hand Chime Choir

We are hoping to put together a group of people interested in learning how to play hand chimes. You don't have to read music or know much about the hand chimes, but it could be an opportunity to make some music and have some fun!! If you are interested, talk to Anna Marie Hancock and we can determine a time to get together. Looking forward to making music with you all soon!!

Commune-I-Care callouts will be taking place between September 29th and October 5th.

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.

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

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church is pleased to present the **Fall Turkey Supper** on October 6, 2019. Adults - \$20.00, Children 10 & under - \$10.00. Tickets and sign-up sheets will be available after worship on Sunday. Tickets are also available from the office. Tickets are limited and will be sold in advance only

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

Elder-in-Charge:	Anna-Marie Hancock
Greeters:	
Scripture Reader:	Marg McCulley
Minutes for Mission:	Hayley McKim
Coffee Hosts:	Linda Kisell, Wayne & Arlea Harper
Sound :	Pat Evans
PowerPoint Operator:	Kathy Nielsen
Wheelchair Lift Operator:	Marg McCulley

Westminster United Church Fall Supper (Roast Beef)

**Sunday, November 3, 2019
5:30 pm**



Ticket Prices:

\$18.00 for Adults

\$10.00 for Children ages 6 – 12

(Children under 7 are free)

\$50.00 for Family of four or more

Tickets can be purchased at the Westminster office (101 6 Street SE) during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday 9 am – Noon and 1 pm – 4 pm), at Coffee Time on Sunday in Memorial Hall, or call the office 403-526-5247 to reserve your tickets and pick up at the door.

