



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for October 13th, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Pastor Marg McCulley

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 66**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!  
Come and see what God has done!  
**God has turned our sea into dry land.**  
**We have passed through the river on foot.**  
Bless our God, O people.  
Let the sound of God's praise be heard!  
**When you tested and tried us, O God,**  
**you brought us out to a spacious place.**  
**You kept us among the living**  
**and prevented our feet from slipping.**  
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!  
**How awesome are the deeds of our God**

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: : **"Come Touch our Hearts" (MV 12 vss 1&5)**

OPENING PRAYER: **Psalm 66, 2 Timothy 2**  
We give praise to you, O God,  
for you are awesome and amazing.  
We remember your deeds and faithfulness—  
deeds that have brought us to this day,  
faithfulness that has helped us weather  
life's storms.  
We have gone through fire and water,  
and stand before you today  
in gratitude and praise.  
How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"Come Let Us Sing" (VU 222)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Jeremiah 29, Psalm 66, 2 Timothy 2, Luke 17**

O God,  
we remember times of blessing in our lives:  
when we have been released  
from suffering and despair,  
when we have been freed  
to reclaim life and hope;  
but we also remember times of hardship:  
when we have been cast out  
into deep waters,  
when we have been banished in exile  
from the world we call home.  
O God,  
it is hard to claim  
the hope and promise of the past  
in the presence of today's troubles.  
Meet us today with your good news  
that we may be renewed  
by the power of your presence. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **Psalm 66, 2 Timothy 2, Luke 17**

Give praise to God,  
who accompanies us on our journey,  
who hears our cries and anguish,  
and who remains faithful and answers our prayers.  
Give glory to God,  
who brings life out of death  
and joy out of sorrow!

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Illuminating God we look to you and your word to find answers for our lives. Now we open our minds and hearts to God's presence in the Word. We trust God in the deepest parts of our being, silently or boldly, so that our lives may reflect the Spirit of the One who makes us whole. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 100

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 4:4-9

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

John 6:25-35

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: " **Proclaiming our Joy**"

†HYMN: " **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**" (VU 220)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: " **Helping Communities Thrive in Nepal**"

LIFE AND WORK:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: **Luke 17**

When the leper ran back to thank Jesus for healing, new life, and fresh possibilities, Jesus was amazed and moved that a Samaritan would come to a Jew and give heartfelt thanks. Jesus sent this man on his way with blessings, for he saw that healing had permeated this man. He was whole through and through. We too have known the healing and saving God in our lives, and we will know this God yet again. So let our offering today be our thanksgiving for the mercy and goodness and ever-faithfulness of God.

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION: **Jeremiah 29, 2 Timothy 2, Luke 17**

**In a world of goodness and struggle,  
we are grateful for your blessings, O God.  
As we seek to endure life's struggles,  
as we seek to claim your life**

**in those hard parts of our lives—  
the very places you teach us  
to look for your freeing presence—  
teach us to trust that you are always there.  
May these gifts be sent into our community  
and into the world around us,  
that others may claim  
the hope of your presence. Amen.**

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (VU 224)**

† BENEDICTION: **Luke 17**

Jesus said to the leper,  
"Get up and go on your way.  
Your faith has made you well."  
Let us all claim Jesus' healing  
and liberation in our lives.  
Get up and go on your way!  
In Jesus' name,  
your faith has made you whole  
And all God's people say:  
**Amen.**

†CHORAL AMEN **(VU 967)**

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

*Postlude*

*All Prayers derived and adapted 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.**

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.

**Congratulations Irene Cunnings! Irene will celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>. A cake party will be held at Riverview on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in commemoration of this milestone!**

***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 Church Hub 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](mailto: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!!*

**PROJECT CONNECT** – a free one-day event for those in need! Wednesday, October 23 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church (504-2 Street SE). Free bus rides to and from the event – bus passes available at Medicine Hat Community Housing, St. John's Church, or Salvation Army. For more information please call St John's Church Office at 403-526-4542.

### **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.*

*Donations at Coffee Time for during October are allocated to the 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>	Linda Kisell
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Melanie Rattai & Jennifer Oster
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	Jen Zollner
<b><i>Minutes for Mission:</i></b>	Sharon Clay
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	Betty & John Sidlick
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Hayley McKim
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Marshall

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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 6 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.

