



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for November 3rd, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Gerald Weiss

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

**That's what Jesus said.**

"I will ask God to give you another Advocate to be with you forever."

**That's what Jesus said.**

"The Spirit of Truth... who abides with you and will be in you."

**That's what Jesus said.**

The Spirit of Truth.

**Alive in our hearts!**

The Spirit of Hope.

**Alive in our hearts!**

The Spirit of Love.

**Alive in our hearts!**

The Holy Spirit.

**Alive in every moment,  
in every breath,  
in every part of our lives.**

Yesterday, today, tomorrow...

**Right now. Right here.**

**In our singing, in our dancing,  
in our worship of God!**

**Alleluia!**

*Richard Bott, while at Pacific Spirit P.C., Vancouver, B.C.*

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

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

**For the moments when, alone with the world,  
we feel connection with all that is:  
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.  
For the times when we come together  
and feel our hearts blend as one family in worship:**

**We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.  
For the strength to reach out and touch those  
in need with actions that speak of God's love:  
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.  
For the courage to proclaim and witness to  
the love of God in the world, in deed and in word:  
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.  
In thanksgiving and with assurance that she is  
with us in all places and at all times,  
we ask the Spirit to manifest through us in our thoughts, words, and  
deeds.  
May we be a Pentecost church, at work in an eternally renewing world.  
Amen!**

*Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C.*

CELEBRATIONS:

SHARING THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **(Unison)**

**Lord, send the presence of your Holy Spirit  
into our midst today.  
May its breath enter all of us here,  
opening our hearts and minds.  
May this Holy Wind give us the senses to receive  
and the patience to understand.  
May we learn to forgive the sins of the past,  
both our own and those of others.  
May we also learn to ask for forgiveness.  
We ask this in the name of God the Creator  
and Jesus, the Son. Amen.**

*Marie Slivocka, Trinity U.C., New Glasgow, N.S*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Jesus promised the disciples—  
"Lo, I will be with you,  
until the end of the ages."  
This is the gift of the Spirit.  
Let us know that, when we step out  
in faith as God's people,  
the Spirit will guide us,  
and Christ will uphold us.

Therefore, let us not be afraid.  
Thanks be to God.

**Frances Flook**, *Emo/Devlin P.C., Emo, Ont.*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Open Our Hearts" (MV 21 2X)**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives. May we grow in wisdom and insight that we may understand your will for us. We offer gifts of time, talent and possessions to you, to reflect our love for you and our neighbour. Help us to reach out to others as you, our God, reach out to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION/UNDERSTANDING

We give you thanks, God of sacred story,  
for your abundant love  
and the witness to it that can be found  
in the stories recorded in the scriptures.  
Open us to the winds of your Spirit,  
which blow through these words  
and take our thoughts and visions to new heights. Amen.

**Beth W Johnston**, *Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Micah 6:8

One: This is the words of the ancient prophets

**All: Thanks be to God**

Luke 17: 11-19

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

Children's Time: **Being Thankful**

Anthem: **"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"**

**Luke 19:1–10**

Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPLATION: **Micah, Luke and the Offering Plate**

†HYMN: **"Count your Blessings"**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"EQUIP A CHILD FOR SCHOOL"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" (VU 537 Vs 2)**

†DEDICATION:

We come before you, O God, offering the gifts of money placed in the plate today, the gifts of money given through PAR, and the gifts of time and talent given throughout the week . May they be used for the greater good that is within you, and may they send a message of love to all who are in need. Amen.

***Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont. and Phyllis Flemming, Grace U.C., Thornbury, Ont.***

†A NEW CREED: **(Sung)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Here I am Lord " (VU 509 )**

†COMMISSIONING:

Today is a day to be counter-culture! Today is a day to say: I have enough and I am enough. Today is a day to remember blessings, and savour gratitude. Today is a day to know that there is no thanks without giving. Today is a day to begin again to live a life of gratitude and wonder. Thanks be to God. Amen

† BENEDICTION:

One: Glory be to God who made us, and to Christ who saved us, and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

**ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

†CHORAL AMEN **(Spiritual)**

†SENDING FORTH: "Halle Halle Halle" (VU 958 2X)

*Postlude*

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### ***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 November/December Edition of the "Upper Room" is available on the ramp**

### ***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 during November are allocated to the Champion Centre*

***Assisting with the Service This Morning***

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Al Olson
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Barb Grozell & Bev Empey
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	Danielle Sears
<b><i>Minutes for Mission:</i></b>	
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	No Coffee
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Hayley McKim
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielson
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Marshall

**Westminster United Church Fall Supper  
(Roast Beef)**

Today!  
5:30 pm

**There will be a "Hymn Sing" at  
Westminster United Church commencing at  
4:45 p.m. before the Fall Supper!**