



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for November 10th, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Marg McCulley
Remembrance Day Commemorative Service

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Gathering, Heather McClure)

We gather this morning to worship our God, to pray for peace, and to remember the ways in which times of war have destroyed God's creation: the land, the water, the people.

We gather as the people of God

We come to worship this morning with all kinds of feelings: sadness, regret, repentance, pride, hope, gratitude, and thanksgiving.

We come as the people of God.

In all that we have been, in all that we are, in all that we hope to be, we come in song, in scripture, in poetry and in prayer to worship this day.

Amen

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"I am the Light of the World" (VU 87 Chorus Sung2X)**

OPENING PRAYER: (Gathering, Heather McClure)

O God, our Help in ages past, our Home for today and our Hope for the future, be with us now as we gather for worship this day. Support our voices as we sing songs that celebrate your presence with us. Raise our spirits as we remember those who have died in times of war. Deepen our relationship with you as we pray and consider our faith. Open our hearts to understand your call to the peacemaking and peacekeeping, empowering us to answer that call in all we say and do, in this service and in our daily lives. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"God Make Us Servants of Your Peace" (VU 676)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Gathering Beth Johnston)

We confess to you, O God, as part of the world community, our inability to keep the peace that so many sacrificed to win and preserve, our inability to care for those in poverty and to seek justice for the marginalized , our lack

of attention for issues that do not touch us personally, our inability to live our what we believe because it seems too hard. Forgive us. Restore us. Enable us to begin again to live the journey of faith. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Friends in Christ, be assured that the God who created the earth in love is still creating in our midst. There is hope. There is possibility as we join with God in mending and tending to creation. We are God's forgiven and beloved people. This is God's beloved earth. Thanks be to God. Amen

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Lord Listen To Your Children Praying" (VU 400)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung VU 959)

Commemorative Service

"O Canada" and presentation of the wreath

Opening Remarks

Act of Remembrance

Last Post

Moment of Silence

Reveille

Commitment to Remember

Hymn: **Psalm 90 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (VU 806)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5,13-17

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem: **"In Flanders Fields"**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

One: These are the words of the ancient prophets

All: Thanks be to God

REFLECTION: **"The Work of Construction"**

†HYMN: "O For A World" (VU 697 vss 1,2 & 5)

LIFE AND WORK:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: (Gathering Elaine Bidgood Sweet)

Truly all that we are, all that we do, all that we offer is in response to our God. Let us respond, trusting that our gifts not only support the ministry of this church but God's work in the broader church family, neighbourhood, and around the world where needs call and the Spirit directs us. Your offerings will now be received

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION: (Gathering, Kate Crawford)

God, sometimes your people are required to offer much, even their lives, in the service of justice and of freedom. We offer lesser gifts, time talent and money, but we too serve justice and freedom. May our offering be pleasing in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

†A NEW CREED: **(Spoken)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"God of Grace and God of Glory"(VU 686)**

†COMMISSIONING:

† BENEDICTION:

†SENDING FORTH: **"Live into Hope" (VU 699 vss 3&4)**

†CHORAL AMEN **(VU 967)**

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.

WUCW Poinsettia Tea: Saturday, November 23rd, 2019

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

\$5.00 per person

Bake Sale plus Craft and Jewelry Tables

Westminster United Church

Go mad shopping at **Midnight Madness, Friday November 22nd from 4 to 9 PM at St John's Presbyterian Church** (504 – 2 Street SE). Please enter through the blue 5th Avenue doors. Enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie to warm you up before shopping around for crafts, baked goods, homemade preserves, "new to you" Christmas items, "gently used" jewellery, and "second hand" books. **Supper will be served from 4 to 8 PM** with chili and a bun, cake and whipped topping, coffee, tea, juice: \$8 or \$4 for children 12 & under. *Hope to see you at St John's!*

Carolfest :an evening of choirs and carols Sunday, December 8 @ 7p.m.

Featuring: Choirs from: St John's Presbyterian Unity & Victory Lutheran, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Gordon Memorial, Westminster & Fifth Avenue Memorial United The Veiner Center choir, the TarTones, Ella Hoffarth, Josie Hoffarth, Expandable Brass, and Darrel Maier

Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church 476 – 4 St SE Admission is free / Refreshments to follow

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

Elder-in-Charge:

Maureen Oster

Greeters:

Mike & Joan Jantzie

Scripture Reader:

Mary Anne Hayward

Coffee Hosts:

Albina Jackson, Betty & John Sidlick

Sound :

Pat Evans

PowerPoint Operator:

Kathy Nielsen

Wheelchair Lift Operator:

Pat Marshall