



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for September 1st, 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: (Worship Planner)**

Leader: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

**People: Raise a shout of joy to the God of our ancestors!**

Leader: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

**People: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God,

**People: For God has done great things for us and so we bring God praise.**

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Lord Prepare Me" (MV 18 2X)**

**OPENING PRAYER: (Worship Planner)**

Leader: God of all generations, you are the Source of all life and the strength of our lives. In Jesus Christ, you entered our lives and showed us how to live with hope and generosity. Through the Holy Spirit, you nourish our lives each day so that we can offer hospitality and kindness to those we meet. As we worship you, lead us to drink from the goodness of your well, so that we may become a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

SHARING THE PEACE

✠OPENING HYMN: **"All Who Hunger" (VU 460)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Heather McClure, Gathering)**

**All: Loving God, we come before you in the knowledge that we sometimes ignore your call, especially when it comes to us through unexpected voices. Forgive us when we close ourselves to you. Forgive us and keep encouraging us to open fully— hearts, minds and spirits—to your loving ways as you call us forward in faith. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **(Worship Planner)**

Leader: Dear friends, while it is true that we have sinned and fallen short of God's hope for us, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's amazing love. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Come to My Heart" (VU 661 vs3)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **(Sheryl McLeod, Gathering)**

**All: God of Grace, as we receive these words—words inspired by you—may we discover your urgings, may they stir our thoughts, may we be empowered to grow, and may we act in ways that reveal who you are to all who would notice. Amen**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

One: This is the witness of the Hebrew scriptures

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hebrews: 13:1-8, 15-16**

**Psalms 81 VU (797)**

"Sing out with joy to God our strength,"

Sing out with joy to God our strength,  
**shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.**

Raise a song, sound the tambourine,  
the tuneful lyre with the harp.

**Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon on our festival.**

For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob,

**who made it a decree in Joseph,  
when they left the land of Egypt. R**

"Sing out with joy to God our strength,"

It is I who am God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

**Open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.**

But my people would not hear my voice,  
Israel would not obey me.

**So I left them in their stubbornness of heart  
to follow their own devices.**

O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would follow my paths.

**I would soon put down their enemies,  
and turn a hand against their foes.**

Those who hate me would cringe before me,  
their fate would be sealed forever.

**But you I would feed with the finest of wheat,  
you I would satisfy with honey from the rock.' R**

"Sing out with joy to God our strength,"

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

One: This is the good news of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: **"Who Do We Honour?"**

†HYMN: **"Nearer, My God, to Thee"(VU 497)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"Pilgrimage to Columbia Strengthens Church Voices"**

LIFE AND WORK:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: **(Worship Planner)**

Leader: With deep gratitude for the healing and freedom that Jesus offers, let us present our offerings to God. Through our gifts, may that healing and freedom be shared in God's world in Christ's name.

OFFERTORY: **"Precious Lord Take My Hand"**

†DOXOLOGY: **"As Those of Old" (VU 518 vs 3)**

†DEDICATION: **(Worship Planner)**

**All: Caring and Loving God, bless the offerings we make today, as well as the time, talent, and concern we will offer you this week. Keep our hearts free of worry so that we can give what we have freely, trusting your Spirit to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. Amen**

‡A NEW CREED: **(Sung)**

‡CLOSING HYMN: **Small Things Count” (VU 361)**

‡COMMISSIONING/ BENEDICTION: **(Sheryl Spencer, Gathering)**

Leader: We have worshipped, joining together in praise of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit.

**All: Let us depart, blessed and challenged to live by the Spirit.  
May our love of God and love of neighbour show forth in all that we do.  
Amen**

Leader: Go now and leave this place with thanksgiving and love in your hearts. Go in peace.

‡SENDING FORTH: **“You Shall Go Out With Joy” (VU 884 2X)**

‡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.**

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.

**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***

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Arlea Harper
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Everett & Clara White
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	Pat Marshall
<b><i>Minutes for Mission:</i></b>	Pat Evans
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	Dawn Knowles & Sharon Clay
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Hayley McKim
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Marshall