



WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service for February 9th, 2020
Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Lynn McKinnon

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy God, we have left our homes and warm beds to be in your presence.

We gather in your name to worship and praise you.

May this first day of the week . . .

be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Will You Come and Follow Me" (VU 567 vs 1&5)**

OPENING PRAYER:

Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we come to worship disclose yourself more fully as we hear your written word and pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE:

†OPENING HYMN: **"Arise Your Light Has Come" (VU 79)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Creator - Restorer - Ruler: We are prone to point the finger at others and to distort justice by exaggerated charges. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own kin. Some of us live in half-empty houses while there are families crowded into rooms too small for them, if they have rooms at all. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know and to let the oppressed go free even after you have freed us. Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Called by the Earth and Sky" (MV 135 vs 4)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 58:1-9a

One: This is the witness of Israel.
ALL: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Psalms 112:1-9

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

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

One: This is the witness of the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: **"No Man is an Island"**

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.
ALL: Praise to Christ, the Living Word.

SERMON: **"What's Cooking?"**

✠HYMN: **"Spirit Open My Heart" (MV 79)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"What is Camp?"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: :**"O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word" (VU 84 vs 3)**

†DEDICATION

Holy God of mercy, redemption and grace, this morning we bring our gifts and pray that you will dedicate them to your work of love and re-connection with all your children. These gifts seem small when balanced against what Christ has given us and what you continue to give us through the Holy Spirit. In our giving, may we grow in gratitude, trust, and faithfulness. In the name of Christ, who gave all for us, we pray. Amen. (© 2020 Discipleship Ministries)

†A NEW CREED: **(Sung)**

†CLOSING HYMN: **"We Are Marching" (VU 646)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

†CHORAL AMEN **(VU 974)**

†SENDING FORTH: **"Go Tell It on the Mountain" (VU 43)**

Postlude

Resources for this service 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.

A potluck lunch to welcome Rev. Lynn McKinnon will be held on February 16th in Memorial Hall after the service. As with every Sunday, if you need assistance managing the stairs or a drive to church services, our volunteers are here to help! Please call Jennifer at the Church Office 403-526-5247 if we can pick you up or with any other questions.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 23, 2020

We are seeking representatives for the Board of Elders and Board Committees and would ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering for these important positions. At this time we are specifically seeking individuals to serve on the executive of the Board in the position of Chairperson. In addition there are several positions available on the various Board Committees. The Board Committees are Christian Development, Finance, Ministry & Personnel, Mission & Outreach, Music & Worship, Pastoral Care and Property. Please speak to Pat Evans or any committee members for more information or if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

Child Services is requesting donated suitcases, backpacks etc. These items will be given to foster children in need. Donations can be made at the Provincial Building (across from Dairy Queen) 346-3rd Street Street. 2nd floor #2013.

The Westminster UCW will be meeting at 1:30 February 14th at Chinook Village.

Westminster United Church will be hosting a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday . This event takes place February 25th at 5pm in Memorial Hall. Free will offering.

St Barnabas Anglican Church will be hosting a World Day of Prayer Service 635 4 St SE, on Friday March 6 at 7 PM.

The Hat Grannies for Africa will be hosting their annual "Fabric, Yarn and More" Sale on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The sale will take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 504 – 2nd Street SE, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Donations of fabric, yarn, notions and all manner of supplies used in sewing, quilting, knitting and crocheting are accepted. Please text or call Kathy at 403-928-2135 or Sheila at 403-580-7715 to arrange for pick up of donations or for more information. Since 2006, grandmothers groups across Canada have raised over \$36 million dollars, 90% of which goes to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign (part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation) and is sent directly to community-based organizations run by and for African grandmothers raising their grandchildren.

Donations at Coffee Time during February are allocated to Champion Centre.

Please remember to wear your WUC name tags !

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Maureen Oster
<i>Greeters:</i>	Albina Jackson & Linda Kisell
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Sharon Clay
<i>Minutes For Mission</i>	Sandra McDonald
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	John & Betty Sidlick
<i>Sound :</i>	Hayley McKim
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Pat Evans & Mary Anne Hayward