

Westminster United Church



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

February 12, 2012

Welcome Dr. Bob Cruickshank as our Worship Leader this morning.

Healing and passion in ministry continue as dominant themes in this week's scripture readings. Jesus heals a man with leprosy who disobeys the command to remain silent. Instead of taking the second step required by his religion's healing practice, the man chooses instead to proclaim what Jesus has done. Naaman almost loses the opportunity to be healed when he thinks the prescribed cure worthless. Utilizing a sports metaphor, Paul demonstrates the need to be diligent in ministry. The author of Psalm 30 celebrates restoration and gives thanks.

If you would like to stay seated for any or all of the “standing” parts of the service, please feel free to do so.

Need a refuge? Our Nursery is located off Memorial Hall, has a speaker system through which to hear the service, and exists for all who may need this space. Memorial Hall approach is via the pulpit side exit.

Friendship Rosters: Please sign the Friendship Roster this morning. It is a helpful record of your worship presence and a way to share special concerns.

Prelude / Sharing Announcements / A Time of Greeting

A Time of Silent Preparation—Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

One: In our humanity, we bring our desire: for relationship with the Holy, for relationship with others.

All: **We bring our differences and diversity. And celebrate them.
We are church.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Illuminating Holy Presence, each sunrise and sunset reminds us of your constant presence. Awaken in each of us the possibility for new life, new vision, and renewed energy. Amen.

Hymn #395 “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

Conversation Time

The Sunday School leaves for their classes.

Prayer for Transformation (*Unison*)

Divine Mystery, whose image lies in the hearts of all people, we live among peoples whose languages are different from our own, whose faiths are foreign to us, whose ways we may fail to understand. May we remember that we are all equal and embrace one another. May we recognise words of truth and things of beauty and actions of love about us... (time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance (*One*)

We are always given the chance to begin again if we feel we have fallen short so we must never give up. We are forgiven as we forgive ourselves. Amen.

Biblical Notes / Prayer of Illumination

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 from the Christian Scriptures Pg. 206

*Other lessons for your personal consideration from today's lections are:
Psalm 30; Mark 1:40-45 and 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.*

Anthem “How Great Thou Art with Majesty”

2 Kings 5:1-14 from the Hebrew Scriptures Pg. 373

Reflection “Strength in Weakness”

Hymn #389 “God Is Here”

Mission Moment—Marilynn Piotrowski

Our Church Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Dedication Hymn #539 “God of All Good” (vs. 1) (Tune 436)

Prayer of Dedication (*One*)

Just as a river without an outlet becomes stagnant; so life which receives but does not give, becomes polluted and sour. As we give, we will be refreshed and cleansed; we will be a blessing to others. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Hymn #232 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

Commissioning (One)

Let us walk softly. Speak truthfully. Love gently. Breathe deeply. Live wisely. May we go in peace.

Choral Amen

Sending Forth “Dance With the Spirit” (x2)

Postlude

Welcome to Westminster this morning.

Please gather for coffee in Memorial Hall, following worship.

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This Week at Westminster (February 12th – 18th)

Sun.	Worshipô Dr. Bob C	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Jr. Choir Practice	11:45 a.m.	Lounge
Tue.	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
Wed.	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Mission & Outreach	1:30 p.m.	Unisphere
Thu.	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Next Week at Westminster (February 19th – 25th)

Sun.	Worshipô Dr. Bob C.	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
Tue.	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
Wed.	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
Thu.	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

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Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will take place Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service** will take place Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Both will take place in Wesley Hall at Fifth Avenue Memorial. All are invited.

The annual **World Day of Prayer Service** in Medicine Hat will be held at Medicine Hat Christian Reformed Church, 300 Primrose Drive SE on **Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome (male and female) to attend.** World Day of Prayer started officially in 1927 and is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through WDP, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The service this year is entitled “*Let Justice Prevail*” written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Malaysia. The women of Malaysia are whose lives we will celebrate and remember. Refreshments served in the fellowship hall after the service.

The 2012 Lenten Study begins Wednesday, March 7thô this is a correction to the latest Events Calendar. Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left? “*Saving Jesus Redux*” is a total

revision of “*Living the Question's*” popular 12-session DVD-based small group exploration of a credible Jesus for the third millennium. New contributors, including Brian McLaren, Diana Butler Bass, and Robin Meyers join Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, and a host of others; for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus for today. (“*We're having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed about by both sides.*”--Amy-Jill Levine) We will be viewing the first 6 sessions of this 12-session program. The basic format for each 1-1½ hour session includes conversation around the readings, a 30-minute video segment, and guided discussion. Please email or call the office if you are interested in attending.

Observer Magazine: The cost is \$20. If you wish to subscribe to or renew your subscription, please submit to the office, the envelope included with your Offertory envelopes. PAR Subscribersô Observer envelopes are available in the Narthex or Office.

Celebrations This Week

Birthdays: *Vivian Bergstreser, Earl Carlson, Donna Scharf, and Pat Bohnet.*

Anniversaries: *Ray Yanke & Emma Nelson Yanke.*

The Memory Candle is lit in honour and in memory of all those we hold dear. (*The Worship Committee has endorsed the lighting of the Memory Candle at the beginning of each Worship service by the Elder-in-Charge. If you would like a loved one named in the Bulletin, your instructions and gift of \$10 may be directed towards the office.*)

South Alberta Presbytery: *Our prayers this week are requested for Ecumenical Campus Ministries, Erin Phillips, and student chaplains.*

Our Order of Ministry This Morning

Sunday School Co-ordinator	Jackie Carlson
Greeters & Ushers	Alvin & Judy Cruickshank Rae Wahl, Boyd Alcock
Coffee Hosts	Grace & Boyd Alcock, Pat Connell, Sharon Clay
Scripture Reader	Anna Marie Hancock
Elder-in-Charge	Dawn Skogen

Next Week's Readings: *2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.*

Stewardship Thought for Today

*As stewards of the gospel,
our rewards are in receiving its blessings.*

by the Rev. Sheila Campbell