



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for February 25, 2018
Lent 2/Annual Congregational Meeting
Today's Worship Leader is Chelsea Masterman

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 51)

One: Have mercy on me. O God, in your great kindness

ALL: In the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences

One: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done evil in your sight

ALL: So that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgement

One: Guilty I have been from my birth, a sinner from the time of my conception

ALL: But you desire truth in our inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "**Throughout These Lenten Days**" (VU 108, vs 1, 3)

OPENING PRAYER:

ALL: Holy God, in this season of Lent we come in search of your forgiveness to cleanse our sins. As we pray and praise may we hear your word of truth and recall the cleansing waters of our baptism. Renew, refresh and re-create us, we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

1. Holy Manners (Page 1 of the 2017 Annual Report)

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of peace with each other.

2. Constitution of Annual Congregational Meeting (Marg Taylor)

a) *Elect secretary of Annual Meeting*

MOTION: "That Jeannette Zollner be appointed as recording secretary for the Annual Congregational Meeting"

b) *Power to Adherents to vote on temporal matters*

MOTION: "That all people who are adherents in the congregation be permitted to vote on temporal matters."

c) *Revision to Westminster United Church Constitution re: Board of Elder Quorum*

MOTION: That the Westminster United Church Constitution be amended to agree with the Transitional Board Governance Model, as follows:

7.7.4.1 A "quorum " for the Board shall mean 1/3 of those entitled to vote, plus 1 person. This may include the member of the Order of Ministry and the Chair. Although the Chair only votes if there is a tie. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose.

d) *Acceptance of Agenda*

Motion: "That the Agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting be accepted as outlined in the Order of Service."

e) *Adoption of Annual Congregational Minutes (Page 19 of 2017 Annual Report)*

MOTION: "That the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of February 26, 2017 be adopted as circulated in the 2017 Annual Report."

✠OPENING HYMN: "**Holy God, We Praise Your Name**" (VU 894)

3. Past year in Ministry – Annual Report

a) *2017 Highlights*

b) *Memorials*

Freida Widmer

Patricia May Connell

Hector Herman Schneider

Vera Henderson

Mary Townsend

c) *Financial Statements (Page 21 of 2017 Annual Report)*

MOTION: "That the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the Pastoral Charge for 2017 be accepted for information."

INVITATION TO PRAYER: "**Giver of the Perfect Gift**" (VU 116)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response after each prayer:

One: God of Love

ALL: Hear Our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

ALL God of mercy, open our hearts to your forgiving word. Amen

SCRIPTURE: **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

ANTHEM: "**Living Water, Guiding Spirit**"

SCRIPTURE: **John 19:19-23**

CHORAL RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURES: "**Wonder and Stare**" (VU 118)

SERMON:

✠HYMN: "**Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart**" (VU 378)

5. Nominations

a) *Appointment of Board of Elders*

MOTION: "That the following people be nominated to the Board of Elders, and to specific positions where indicated:"

Melanie Rattai, Chairperson

Jeannette Zollner, Secretary

Donna Scharf, Treasurer, Finance

*Marg McCulley, Music & Worship
Arlea Harper, Mission & Outreach
Al Olson, Representative to Presbytery
Maureen Oster, UCW Representatie
Rotating Representative, Property
Rotating Representative, Ministry and Personnel
Al Piotrowski, Member at Large*

Call for further nominations to the Board of Elders

MOTION: "That all those nominated be so appointed."

b) *Committee Member Appointments:*

MOTION: "That the following people be nominated to the committees of the congregation:"

Christian Development Committee:

Marg Taylor

Finance & Stewardship Committee:

*Donna Scharf, Treasurer,
Rose Connor,
Arlene Scherer,
Gerald Weiss*

Ministry & Personnel Committee:

*Linda Kisell
Wilton Thorsteinson*

Mission & Outreach:

*Dawn Skogen
Arlea Harper
Wayne Harper
Sandra McDonald
Linda Carney*

Music & Worship:

*Marg McCulley
BJ Maddaford
Hayley McKim
Kathy Nielsen
Anna Marie Hancock (Junior Choir Director)
Chris White (Senior Choir Director)*

Pastoral Care:

*Anna Marie Hancock
Lil Iwanicki
Velma Pearson
Melanie Rattai, Co-Chairperson
Betty Sidlick, Co-Chairperson
Joyce Scott*

Property:

Pat Evans

Bob McCaig
Chris White (Custodian)

Call for any further Committee nominations

MOTION: "That all those nominated to committees be so appointed."

d) *Trustee Appointments*

MOTION: "That the following people be reaffirmed as Trustees of the congregation."

Sharon Clay
Pat Evans
John Sidlick
Jan Stevenson

Call for Additional Nominations from the floor (up to 15 Trustees can be appointed)

MOTION: "That all those nominated as trustees be so appointed."

6. Mission and Service Objective

MOTION: "That the Mission and Service Goal for 2018 be adopted as presented."

7. 2018 Budget (Page 21 of the 2017 Annual Report)

MOTION: "That the Congregational Budget for 2018 be adopted as presented."

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY

✠DOXOLOGY: "**We Give You But Your Own**" (VU 542)

✠DEDICATION

All: Forgiving God, accept our gifts of time, talents and treasure and use us to build your kin-dom on earth. Amen

A NEW CREED (CHORAL): (VU 918)

8. New Business

a) *Becoming an Affirming Congregation*

MOTION: "That the Westminster United Church explore the process of becoming an Affirming Congregation within the United Church of Canada".

b) *Other*

9. Next Annual congregational Meeting

MOTION: "That the next annual Congregational Meeting be held Sunday, February 24, 2019"

10. Next Chair

MOTION: "That Marg Taylor be appointed as Congregational Chairperson for 2017."

11. Courtesies

12. Adjourn

MOTION: "That the meeting be adjourned."

‡CLOSING HYMN: "**My Life Flows On**" (VU 716)

‡COMMISSIONING

One: Go from this place as a forgiven people, made new by God's grace

ALL: We go out as God's servants in this wounded world.

‡SENDING FORTH HYMN: "**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**" (VU 575 ,Vs 1 &3)

‡BENEDICTION:

‡CHORAL AMEN: (VU 968)

Please join us in Memorial Hall for the Pot Luck Luncheon!!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

Elder-in-Charge:

Arlea Harper

Scripture Reader:

Hayley McKim

Minutes for Mission Reader:

Wally Bergstreser

Greeters:

Linda Kisell, Vicki McCaig

Sound Operator:

Pat Evans

PowerPoint Operator:

Kathy Nielsen

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.

Donations at Coffee Time for February are allocated to the Westminster UCW.

Announcements

As we combine our Annual Congregational Meeting with our regular Order of Service, the service will most likely go beyond the usual length of time. We appreciate your patience as we go through this important process. Please feel free to stand, walk about, get a coffee or water during the service. We also encourage discussion and respectful debate on any items you feel need further clarification or to share your thoughts on the item being discussed (positive and negative feedback can help us to make informed decisions).

It's Newsletter time again! *I welcome a variety of submissions — on any topic that you think would be of interest to our congregation. Deadline for submissions will be Monday, February 26th. You may send your items electronically to annah@telusplanet.net or drop a copy of your article in my mailbox on the ramp going into the sanctuary. I thank you in advance for your contributions, and I look forward to receiving lots of interesting items!*
— Anna Marie Hancock

It's time to renew your subscription to the Observer Magazine! Please see Jody Davison to renew or cancel your subscription, or to sign up for a subscription. The cost is \$25.00 for 12 issues. If you would like to review a copy before making a decision, editions from previous years are available on the ramp going toward Memorial Hall. You are welcome to take one home with you to review.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invite you to participate in a "**Birthday Bag Campaign**" during the season of Lent. Bring a small birthday bag with a cake mix, icing and candles and leave it in the Food Bank box. We will deliver to be used by families with children with birthdays.

Rev. Jan Stevenson will be facilitating "**Mindful Meditation**" Thursdays from 12:05 to 12:55 pm February 15 through March 22 at Westminster United Church. Take time to be attentive to your spiritual well-being with simplicity, silence and contemplation. Spiritual explorations and group meditation mentored by Dom John Main OSB, originator of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM.org)

World Day of Prayer takes place this year on Friday, March 2. The service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (758 - 8th Street SE) at 7 pm.

2018 LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

| Date | Time: | Host congregation | Guest Preacher |
|-----------------|---------|---|------------------------|
| Feb 21 | 7:00 pm | Fifth Avenue Memorial (476 4th Street S.E.) | Rev. Oz Lorentzen |
| Feb 28 | 7:00 pm | St. Peter Lutheran (758 8th Street S.E.) | Rev. Jeff Decelle |
| March 7 | 7:00 pm | St. John's Presbyterian (504 2nd Street S.E.) | Rev. Dave Pollard |
| March 14 | 7:00 pm | Westminster United (101 6th Street S.E.) | Rev. Shane Hein |
| March 21 | 7:00 pm | St. Barnabas Anglican (635 4th Street S.E.) | Rev. Chelsea Masterman |

Today's Minutes for Mission:

Building Resilience and Hope in Indigenous Children

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the important work of The Healing Fund. Let us hear a story of how The Healing Fund is building resilience and hope in Indigenous children and youth.

Pimicikamak Cree Nation (pronounced as pim ih chik uh mak) is a Cree-speaking Indigenous community north of Lake Winnipeg in Cross Lake, Manitoba. Pimicikamak means "where a lake lies across the river." The community initiated a three-day suicide prevention strategy by inviting Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to their community to create art with their children, youth, and families.



Using an Indigenous framework called Circle of Courage, the project was created to promote strength, resiliency, and healing among the participants by fostering their sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Through various creative arts such as drum-making, storytelling, painting, singing, songwriting, music, and comedy, participants were recognized for their talents and gifts. It strengthened the participants' relationships with each other as well as their relationships with adults and Elders in the community. With guidance from the artists, the youth were also able to build their leadership skills by helping coordinate parts of the project.

Every evening, participants generously shared their artwork with the community, thus creating a narrative of healing and hope. Our gifts for Mission & Service support this and other healing initiatives.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTES: