



Westminster United Church

Worship Service for March 11, 2018

Lent 4

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Chelsea Masterman

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, followers of Jesus:

Two: Let the Living Water of your baptism wash over you

One: Let the bread and wine of all the times you have received communion fill you with love

Two: Let the bread and wine of all the times you will receive communion fill you with hunger

One: Hunger for community with each other, with your own souls, and with God.

Two: This morning, may the Holy Spirit energize you,

One: Comfort you,

Two: Strengthen you.

All: Let us worship God!

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "***Throughout These Lenten Days***" (VU 108, vs 1, 5)

OPENING PRAYER:

All: God, in our worship today, please help us learn to see the magic and miracle of baptism and communion in everyday things: in snow and in rain, in the water we drink, in every meal we eat and every time the light changes to show us something new about Your world. Give us the courage to share the things we learn with others, so that they can also feel wonder, surprise, joy, hope and above all, Your love. Amen.

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.

✠OPENING HYMN: "***The Church's One Foundation***" (VU 331)

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

✠HYMN: "***Behold! Behold! I make All Things New***" (MV 115)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

All: Holy One, please light up these words of scripture for our hearts to see and for our spirits to hear the love in Your voice as You call to us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

ANTHEM: "***Everybody, Let's Praise the Lord***"(Junior Choir)

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 28:16-20**

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

SERMON: "**Guess Who's Coming to Worship?!**" (The Means of Grace and Christian Worship)

†HYMN: "**Sent Out In Jesus Name**" (MV 212)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **Everybody is Like Everybody Else's Family** (*Video*)

LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY

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

†DEDICATION

All: God, Your grace fills us with hope and out of us pour gifts of thankfulness. Please take the money we offer you, the time we give you, the skills we put to use for you and use them to show the world Your love. Amen.

A NEW CREED (Choral): (VU 918)

†COMMISSIONING

One: As followers of Jesus, Jesus also says to us:

All: "God gave me the power to say to you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to practice everything I have commanded you."

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

†BENEDICTION:

One: Jesus said something else when he sent his followers out to make disciples of all nations. I think he was also talking to you and me. Jesus said:

All: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: We are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Amen.

†CHORAL AMEN: (VU 968)

Please join us in Memorial Hall for the UCW Hamburger Soup Luncheon

Assisting with the Service This Morning

Elder-in-Charge:

Melanie Rattai

Scripture Reader:

Hayley McKim

Greeters:

Linda Kisell, Albina Jackson

Coffee Hosts:

UCW

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

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank invites you to attend a fund raising banquet on Friday, March 16th, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The banquet will be held at Chinook Village (2801 13th Avenue SE). Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger by supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition, and achieve sustainable food security. Tickets are \$30.00 each, and can be picked up at the Westminster Church office during office hours (9 am – 4 pm, Monday through Thursday).

THINK SPRING!!The Sunday School is once again selling Vesey's Spring Bulbs and Seeds, this year as a fundraiser for Vacation Bible School. Fifth Avenue Memorial, Gordon Memorial and Peace United Churches are also participating in the fundraiser. Catalogues are available on the ramp and on the bulletin board.

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.

Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm, "The Heavenly Man", Brother Yun, will be joining us at Global Prayer House (1156 27 St. SE, Medicine Hat, AB).He will be sharing his incredible and inspiring testimonies of how he has remained faithful to God despite the tremendous suffering and persecutions he has gone through. His life and ministry have impacted many lives! The Global Prayer House We is a ministry of Youth With A Mission providing worship, prayer, teaching & training in intercession, healing, prophesying, fasting, evangelizing, equipping & calling forth transformation all across the world for the return of the Lord Jesus.

You are invited to the Peace United Church in Irvine "Spring Supper" (Ham, Sausage, perogies). Sunday, April 8th, 4:30 and 6:00 sittings. There will also be a Bake Sale at the supper. Cost is \$17.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children 6 – 12 years, and free for children under 6 years. Call 403-527-0206 or see Grace Roth for tickets.

2018 LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Date	Time:	Event	Location
March 14	7:00 pm	Evening Lenten Service (Rev. Shane Hein)	Westminster United Church
March 21	7:00 pm	Evening Lenten Service (Rev. Chelsea Masterman)	St. Barnabas Anglican Church (635 4th Street S.E.)
Thur. March 29	5:15 p	Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper and Service	Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church
Fri. March 30	10:00 am	Good Friday Worship Service	Gordon Memorial United Church (Redcliff)
Sat. March 31	7:45 pm	Holy Saturday Vigil	St. Barnabas Anglican Church

MARCH 2018 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sun. March 11	10:25 am	Worship Service: "Guess Who's Coming to Worship?!" /UCW Hamburger Soup Lunch	Sanctuary/Memorial Hall
Tues. March 13	11:00 am	MHART Meeting	Lounge
Tues. March 13	7:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class	Lounge
Wed. March 14	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. March. 18	10:25 am	Worship Service: "You Didn't Choose Me, I Chose You!"	Sanctuary
Mon. March 19	6:30 pm	PEO Group	Lounge
Monday, March 19	6:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting	Westminster Room
Sun. March 25	10:25 am	Worship Service: Liturgy of the Palms/Communion/UCW Egg Bun Lunch	Sanctuary/Memorial Hall
Mon. March 26	10:30 am	AHS Community Kitchen	Kitchen

APRIL 2018 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Sun. April 1		Sunrise Easter Worship Service	Redcliff
Sun. April 1	10:25 am	Worship Service: Easter/Intergenerational	Sanctuary
Mon. April 2	Office Closed for Easter Stat Holiday		
Mon. April 2	6:30 pm	PEO Group	Lounge
Mon. April 2	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting	Westminster Room
Wed. April 4	10:30 am	Recovery Centre Kitchen	Kitchen/Memorial Hall
Thurs. April 5	1:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Westminster Room
Sun. April 8	10:25 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. April 8	4:30/6:00 pm	Spring Supper (Ham, Sausage Perogies) and Bake Sale	Peace United Church (Irvine)
Tues. April 10	11:00 am	MHART Meeting	Lounge
Wed. April 11	1:30 pm	UCW Meeting	Lounge
Sun. April 15	10:25 am	Worship Service/UCW Egg Bun Luncheon	Sanctuary/Memorial Hall
Mon. April 16	6:30 pm	PEO Group	Lounge
Tues. April 17	12:15 pm	Board of Elders Executive Meeting	Lounge
Sun. April 22	10:25 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. April 29	10:25 am	Worship Service – Camp Sunday	Sanctuary

Events and activities are frequently added or changed. Check the calendar on our website (www.westminsteruc.com) for the most current information.

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."