



Westminster United Church

Worship Service for June 3, 2018

Pentecost 2

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Jan Stevenson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: As we gather today

All: we listen for the voice of God

One: in our innermost being.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in the words we read, the songs we sing, the prayers we pray.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in words of hope and kindness.

All: We listen for the voice of God

One: in the difficult words that need to be said.

All: As we gather, may we listen and may we hear.

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Breath on Me, Breath of God"** (VU 209 vs 1&5)

OPENING PRAYER:

We begin our time together in a moment of quiet We listen to the sounds around us. We listen to the thoughts of our hearts God who speaks and who hears, we remember again that it is you we worship, and you are here with us.

CELEBRATIONS (Birthdays, anniversaries, etc.):

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS/SHARING THE PEACE: *(please touch the shawls draped on the pews and bless them into God's service.)*

One: Let us bless the works of the hands of our prayer shawl ministry.

ALL: God of compassion, we dedicate these prayer shawls to be a comfort for those who receive them. May all these stitches made with care bear your love and healing power. Amen.

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: **"Will You Come and Follow Me"** (VU 567)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS:

Our lives are full of noise; yet we fail to listen, fail to hear. Sometimes we use the noise as an excuse. We say we are too busy to listen to God, too busy to listen to each other, too busy even to listen to ourselves. Sometimes we hear, but we choose to ignore.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

God does speak. Like Samuel, we may not understand immediately; sometimes we need time and help to hear. But God still speaks, encouraging and restoring, challenging and confronting. As we listen and respond, we partner with God for good.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Jesus, We Are Here"** (MV 189)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response after each prayer:

One: God of Love; **ALL: Hear Our Prayer**

The Medicine Hat Ministerial Association invites you to pray for **Redcliff Councillor Larry Leipert, and the Crestwood Mennonite Church.**

South Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray for **Vauxhall Pastoral Charge & Pastoral Charge Supervisor, MPT Basele**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Silence the noisy furor of our minds, Holy One, so that we may hear the faint whisper of your still, small voice embracing us in love and calling us into your service. Amen.

BIBLICAL NOTES:

SCRIPTURE: **1 Samuel 3:1–20**

ANTHEM: ***Be Still My Soul***

SCRIPTURE: **Mark 2:23–3:6**

MEDITATION: **Finding Sense in Mystery**

†HYMN: ***"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"*** (VU 570)

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **100 Years of Being the Change** (*Video*)

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: ***"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*** (VU 541)

†DEDICATION:

ALL: As young Samuel opened himself to hear, O God, so also may our gifts this morning amplify your voice, and ours, into action. May we proclaim your good news and call into service with joy and thanksgiving. Amen

†A NEW CREED (Spoken): (VU 918)

†CLOSING HYMN: ***"For The Healing Of The Nations"*** (VU 678)

†COMMISSIONING:

One: Go out from the calm of this place into the chaos and confusion of our contemporary world.

ALL: We go in quiet confidence, knowing that God walks with us always.

One: Listen attentively for God's breath murmuring wisdom, hope and challenge.

ALL: We seek to hear, recognize and realize your vision among us and throughout Creation. Amen.

†SENDING FORTH HYMN: ***"Dance with the Spirit"*** (MV 156)

†BENEDICTION:

†CHORAL AMEN: (VU 968)

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Murray Bell
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Jen Zollner
<i>Greeters:</i>	Garth and Anne Maier
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Donna Scharf, Pat Thorsteinson
<i>Sound System Operator:</i>	Pat Evans
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	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 June are allocated to Westminster UCW.

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Announcements

The Board of Elders met on Monday, May 28, 2018. The following are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- Dawn Knowles reported that the Feed the Cow Committee have been meeting bi-weekly, have been studying the book "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate, and participated in a webinar to learn new ways to raise funds. Dawn announced she could no longer be actively involved, but Patti McFarlane sees the committee continuing as they have several ideas in mind.
- Rev. Chelsea presented a proposal for a "Love Week" - a fun idea in which folks are challenged to go out and serve for an hour somewhere in the city on a specified week, proposed to start August 12th. The board agreed that Rev. Chelsea present it to the Four-Board Retreat on May 30.
- The Joint Needs Assessment Committee made a presentation to the Board. The Board will deliberate the report in more depth at a special meeting to be held June 4, 2018

Have you noticed our hymns are looking a little different on the powerpoint these days than they used to? On March 27, Laura Fohse, one of the ministers at McLure United Church in Saskatoon, posted in a United Church Ministers group that Chelsea is part of, saying: "I have powerpoint files for almost all of the songs in Voices United and More Voices. I'm happy to share. I have created a Dropbox folder with all of the files in it. If you would like access, message here (or send me a PM and I will add you. All I need is your email address and I will add you to the dropbox folder." So that is what we did! And it has saved Cheryl a lot of time! Thank you, Pastor Laura and McLure United!

Friday, June 8, 2018 , 7:30 pm Pete & the Re-Petes will be playing a concert on in the Unity Lutheran Church (8 Palliser Place NE, Medicine Hat, AB) hosted by Grace Family Baptist Church. Tickets are \$10 at the door, children under 16 are free; a freewill offering will be taken for Voddie Baucham Ministries.

Sunday, June 10 worship service will include the Sunday School Wind-up, plus the baptism and confirmation of Hayley McKim.

Sunday, June 17, 10:25 am: *Outdoor Worship Service for Westminster United Church.* The service will be held at Kin Coulee Kitchen by the Toboggan Hill this year. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen and bug spray. Bar-b-que to follow the service. Pot luck salads and desserts.

Sunday, June 17th., 7:00p.m The TarTones Men's Chorus – "Spring Concert 2018",. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 504-2nd. St. SE. 15 men, 4-part singing –....a little Western...a little Folk...a little Broadway...a little Spiritual. Director: Judith Dickie. Accompanist: Allison Kapcala. Admission by donation.

Summer Worship Schedule:

July 1 10:00 am	Fifth Avenue Memorial Church	August 5 10:00 am	Westminster United Church
July 8 10:00 am	Fifth Avenue Memorial Church	August 12 10:00 am	Westminster United Church
July 15 10:00 am	Fifth Avenue Memorial Church	August 19 10:00 am	Fifth Avenue Memorial Church
July 22 10:00 am	Westminster United Church	August 26 10:00 am	Fifth Avenue Memorial Church
July 29 10:00 am	Westminster United Church	September 2 10:25 am	Back to regular services

Today's Minutes for Mission: *100 Years of Being the Change*

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the long-standing ministry of St. Columba House, a community ministry that is an important constant in the lives of those who are living on the margins in Montreal.

The year 2017 marked a very important milestone in the history of St. Columba House. Who could have imagined in 1917 that, a century later, the ministry would be celebrating 100 years of offering healing and hope to the most vulnerable members of the Pointe-Saint-Charles community?

From its beginnings as a place that only provided hot meals, to its current status as a leader in changing public policy in Montreal, St. Columba House has transformed many lives. It is now an organization on the cutting edge of emerging needs and innovative responses through its environmental programming. This includes a community gardening program, where participants develop their own balcony gardens, and beekeeping programs that allow participants to learn how to interact with bees at the ministry's own rooftop beehive.

St. Columba House, in partnership with United Church Ministries, Montreal City Mission, and Québec Presbytery Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations Committee, has also created the Green Church project to engage ministries in its ecological practices.

Together through our Mission & Service support we can celebrate with St. Columba House all the lives that have been transformed and look ahead to innovation for the future. We give thanks for its 100-year history and look forward with it to the next 100 years!

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.