



# ***Westminster United Church***

**Worship Service for June 3, 2018**

Sunday School Presentations/Baptism/Confirmation

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Chelsea Masterman

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Excerpts from Psalm 138*)

Brett: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

Brett: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Brett: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**All: For though the Lord is high, the Lord regards the lowly; but the haughty the Lord perceives from far away. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;**

Brett: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Come, let us worship the Lord.

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

OPENING PRAYER: (*written by Kate Crawford. **Gathering**, Pentecost 1 2018, page 37. Used with permission.*)

**ALL: God, you have planted a precious seed in our hearts, and, in this community, it is watered and nourished and made to grow.**

**Open our spirits so that your own Spirit might move over us and within us.**

**Let our worship be worthy, let our praise be wholehearted,**

**let our hymns be sincere,**

**let our prayer be honest,**

**as we give ourselves again**

**into your care and keeping. 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: "***Morning Has Broken***" (VU 409)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS:

✠HYMN: "***I the Lord of Sea and Sky***" (VU 509)

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

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 Eric Solberg, and the Medicine Hat Church of God (Pastor Glen Dueck)**

South Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray for **First Responders**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(Written by Beth W. Johnston. **Gathering**, Pentecost 1 2018, page 43. Used with permission.)*

Katelynn: God of the ages, you have called our name in the night.

**All: We are awake and we are listening.**

Katelynn: Open your word to us;

**All: call us through these stories, we pray. Equip us to be your servants as you equipped those who have gone before. Amen.**

BIBLICAL NOTES:

SCRIPTURE: **2 Corinthians 4:13-16**

ANTHEM: **"Wade in the Water"**

SCRIPTURE: **Mark 3: 35**

MEDITATION:

✠HYMN: **"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" "** (VU 644, vv 1-3)

BAPTISMAL/CONFIRMATION OF HAYLEY MCKIM *(liturgy from Celebrate God's Presence)*

### **Statement of Purpose**

One: Sisters and Brothers, you are my siblings and family in Christ.

And today I have the great joy of inviting us all to join together to celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**ALL: There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**ALL: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

One: At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have opportunity to affirm, reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

As those who have been baptized together with those who today will be baptized profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to affirm and reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate the place of *Hayley McKim* in the people of God. We give thanks for *her* gifts as witnessed in this community of faith, and promise to continue to walk with *her*.

With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

As we are reminded in the Gospel of John, chapter 3 verse 5-8, as Jesus spoke with a religious leader of the time named Nicodemus, we are physical beings and spiritual beings and it is with both body and spirit that we are part of God's realm. Jesus says: "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born [anew, or from above.]" The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

## **Presentation of Candidates**

Board Rep: On behalf of the congregation of *Westminster* United Church, I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ through profession of faith and baptism: *Hayley Amanda Ashley McKim*.

## **Profession of Faith and Promises**

One: I ask these questions that you may publicly profess the faith proclaimed in baptism.

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

**Hayley: I do, by the grace of God.**

One: Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

**Hayley: I will, God being my helper.**

One: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

**Hayley: I will, God being my helper.**

One: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

**Hayley: I will, God being my helper.**

### *Congregational Commitment*

One: Please rise as you are able:

Let us pledge to *this* person our continued support and care.

**ALL: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you.**

**With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

*Affirmation of Faith: The New Creed (sung)*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water*

One: God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give our thanks to God.

**ALL: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

One: As the water is poured, we recall Isaiah's promise:

"waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert";

Ezekiel's declaration:

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean";

the Psalmist's testimony:

"Beside the still waters, God leads me";

and Jesus' words:

"whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones—

truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

May God's Spirit be upon us and these waters of daily use,

which we now use to baptize and to welcome.

*Isaiah 35:6, Ezekiel 36:25, Psalm 23:2, Matthew 10:42*

### **The Act of Baptism**

One: *Hayley*, you are baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: May the blessing of our Mother/Father God, Source of Love,  
the child Jesus Christ, Love incarnate,  
and the Holy Spirit, Love's power,  
be with you today and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: *Hayley*, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: *Hayley*, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit,  
you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light that the deepest night has never overcome.  
*Hayley*, you have chosen to hold the light of faith. Let your light shine before others, so that they  
may see your good works and give glory to your God.

*Matthew 5:16*

One: God of mercy and love,  
you welcome all who turn to you,  
you create a clean heart in those who repent,  
and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.  
Grant that *Hayley* may grow  
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.  
Equip her with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
and fill her with faith in Jesus Christ  
and with love for all your people,  
in the service of your kingdom.

**ALL: Amen.**

One: The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.

**ALL: Amen.**

✠HYMN: "***I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry***" (VU 644, vv 4-7)

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

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

✠DEDICATION: (*Written by Beth W. Johnston. **Gathering**, Pentecost 1 2018, page 45. Used with permission.*)

Sarah: Let us pray:

**All: We present these gifts and the gifts  
of our own living, sharing, and action,**

**so that your will on earth may be fulfilled. Amen.**

✠CLOSING HYMN: **"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"** (VU 684)

✠COMMISSIONING: *(adapted from 1 Thess. 5:13-22 by Patricia Dutcher-Walls)*

Hayley: Now go out in this world in peace. Be of good cheer. Hold fast to that which is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, heal the afflicted. Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

✠SENDING FORTH HYMN: **"You Shall Go Out with Joy"** (VU 884)

✠BENEDICTION: *(written by Miriam Therese Winter, VU 645)*

**ALL: God our Mother, Living Water,  
River of Mercy, Source of Life,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
who quenches our thirst, refreshes our weariness,  
bathes and washes and cleanses our wounds,  
be for us always a fountain of life,  
and for all the world a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise to You forever. Amen.**

✠CHORAL AMEN: (VU 968)

***Assisting with the Service This Morning***

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Arlea Harper
<b><i>Scripture Reader:</i></b>	Helen Reid
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Pat and Stan Bohnet
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	Linda Kisell, Mike & Joan Jantze
<b><i>Sound System Operator:</i></b>	Lorenz Fedrau
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen/Faye Moria

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

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** - Westminster United Church doesn't get a holiday in the summer months. The payroll expenses alone are \$18,600 per month. Income that we know for sure is PAR \$6,600 and \$5,000 of our savings. Just do the math and then arrange for your donations all year long. Thank you in anticipation and for the love of your church.

Ways to do this - Sign on to Pre Authorized Remittance, leave the church dated monthly cheques, just keep using your envelopes at other church services and they get back to our church. Finance and Stewardship Committee.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the UCW "Bakeless Bake Sale". To date, we have received \$610.00, which is at least \$100 less than the Bake Table at the last Spring Tea. So we are extending the sale through June as well, hoping to meet or exceed the Spring Tea amount. Please make cheques payable to Westminster UCW, or for cash donations, use the envelopes in your pew and mark as "UCW Bakeless Bake Sale". The funds from the sale are used to support many local, national and international projects.

**Wednesday, June 13, 11:30 am:** The UCW will be holding their Spring Potluck Lunch and meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Sunday, June 17th., 7:00pm:** 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.

**Tuesday June 19, 7pm** The Sine Nomine Ensemble presents Earth and Stars at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church. This is the second year Sine Nomine, a few of Medicine Hat's own talented musicians, has gotten together to share their passion of music. This small ensemble choir has prepared a variety of challenging repertoire based upon the earth and Stars. The selections being performed are quite eclectic, from classical pieces to movie themes. There is a little something for everyone. This is not a concert to be missed! Good will offering.

**Sunday, June 24, 11:30 am (after worship)** Westminster UC Board of Elders is calling a congregational meeting for approval to ask South Alberta Presbytery to appoint a full time equivalent supply minister(s) effective October 1, 2018.

## Summer Worship Schedule:

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