



Westminster United Church

Worship Service for July 29, 2018

Pentecost 10

Today's Worship Leader is Rev. Chelsea Masterman

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Katelynn: We gather to worship:

All: We are a community of faith sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Katelynn: We gather to care for one another.

All: We are a community of faith reaching out to one another, the community in which we live, and beyond.

Katelynn: We gather to meet God.

All: We are a community of faith committed to providing a spiritual home for worship, healing and celebration.

Come, let us worship God!

✠ PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "***Breath on Me, Breath of God***" (VU 382vs 1&5)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

OPENING PRAYER

ALL: O God, we give you thanks for the time and the faith shared in this community. We give you thanks for the faithful ministry of Rev. Chelsea in our midst. We thank you for the worship, the learning, and the service that have been ours together. Be with us now as we mark the end of this relationship, and guide us by your Spirit into the next stage of our life with you. 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: "***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***" (VU 232)

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 **Councillor Kris Samraj, and Carmel Hospice / St Joseph's Home (Chaplain Diane Dryer)**

South Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray for **Anglican Churches**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU 959)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (*Sarah*)

All: God, on this day, and every day, please speak your Word in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits. Help us understand what you are trying to say, and what it means for how we live our faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **John 6:1-14**

HYMN: "***In the Quiet Curve of Evening***" (VU 278)

MEDITATION:

†HYMN: "***Love Divine***" (VU 333)

RELEASE OF CONVENANT BETWEEN WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH AND THE REVEREND
CHELSEA MASTERMAN

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERTORY:

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

†DEDICATION:

All: God of abundance, please bless our offerings of time, of money, of skills. Multiply our gifts for our use and your service, that they may feed your world in body and spirit. Amen.

THE NEW CREED: (Spoken)

†CLOSING HYMN: "***I Wanna Shout***" (MV 183)

†COMMISSIONING:

Brett: Go into the world, sharing God's love.
Let the world come to you, and receive God's love.
Pray at the beginning, and at the end, and in between
And practice justice with mercy.
Go be Christ's body, for that is what we are.

ALL: And we are not alone.

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

†BENEDICTION: (adapted from Ephesians 3:16-21)

One: May God strengthen you in your inner being with power through the Holy Spirit
May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.
May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

All: Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

†CHORAL AMEN: (VU 968)

Please join us in Memorial Hall for pot luck lunch and Farewell to Chelsea!

Announcements

PEARLS OF WISDOM: At the farewell lunch you will see two baskets. One will hold blank round sheets of paper ("pearls"). As we say goodbye to each other, I would love to have some memories, feedback, prayers, words of affirmation or advice to take with me for my future time in ministry. If you have anything you would like to share, please write your thoughts on a blank "pearl" and place it in the other basket. Thank you these years together, for your faith and for your wisdom. ~Peace, Chelsea.

Fifth Avenue United will be hosting VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer from Tuesday August 7 to Friday August 10, a full-day program (with lunch and snacks) from 9am to 4pm. The awesome team from Camp Caravan (St. Andrew's United in Calgary) will once again be leading, with assistance from the area's 4 UCC churches. All children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 are welcome! Registration forms can be completed at Westminster or at FAM; the cost is \$70/child. Subsidies are available.

Kitchen helpers are needed for the Vacation Bible School at Fifth Avenue Memorial(August 7 to August 10). If you are able to assist, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in Memorial Hall (on the wall by the Nursery)

LOVE WEEK - Members of our 4 area United Churches are invited to volunteer an hour of their time Aug 12 - 19 to help and serve others in the Medicine Hat area.

Love Week started with Elevation Church in North Carolina back in 2010, with simple gestures showing communities what the good news of God's love can look like! What can we do here that fills a need? It could be assisting a neighbour, having a refreshment stand outside your church, helping at one of the local organizations we will line up - the possibilities are endless! The kick-off will be at Westminster United on August 12, with a simple celebration and update the following Sunday at FAM. Stay tuned for more details!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Jennifer Oster
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Hayley McKim
<i>Greeters:</i>	Linda Kisell, Al Piotrowski, Lynne Graff
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	UCW Pot Luck
<i>Sound</i>	Lorenz Fedrau

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 July and August are allocated to the Champion Centre.

Today's Minutes for Mission: Compassion in Life and Death

We celebrate that our gifts for Mission & Service have supported Wesley Urban Ministries, which has been offering support for the homeless, refugees, and working poor of Hamilton, Ontario, for over 30 years.

In downtown Hamilton sits a building that looks like any other apartment building, yet when you enter the front doors of the Ferguson Street Centre of Wesley Urban Ministries, you are greeted with the sights and smells of hospitality. Here, meals are served, the coffee and tea are always on, and usually there is a board game that you can join. Journeying from the hum of conversation on the first floor up the stairs,

you will encounter a simple room, the chapel. On one wall is a beautiful painting of Christ's life and the cross, along with plaques bearing names. The names tell stories to those who knew these people, stories of addiction and homelessness, but also of friendship and care.

One name on the wall is that of a young man who found a family at Wesley Urban Ministries. People from the community came together in the chapel to say goodbye to him, a man taken too early in life. A few months after his death, a woman came to the centre asking about him. She was his mother and had been searching for him. She was taken to the chapel, and when she saw his name and heard that he had died, she sat and prayed. The staff spoke to her about how many people had come to his funeral and how he was loved in the community. She was so thankful to Wesley Urban Ministries for loving her son and being in his life.

Wesley Urban Ministries is present for those on the margins in life and in death, and their compassion makes a huge difference.

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.

