



Westminster United Church

Worship Service for October 21, 2018

Loving Our Neighbours: Global Mission & Service

Today's Worship Leaders are Hayley McKim and Wilton Thorsteinson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God's Word isn't just for our ears or eyes.

ALL: God's Word is for our hearts and lives.

One: Not just for listening,

ALL: but also for hearing.

One: Not just for hearing,

ALL: but also for living.

One: As people of the Creator, Westminster United Church!

ALL: As Christ's disciples, The United Church of Canada!

One: As dancers with the Holy Spirit,

ALL: here and everywhere!

One: Let us worship God!

ALL: Let us worship God!

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "***Come Down, O Love Divine*** (VU 367, vs 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER:

**ALL: God, we gather as your people,
that all may be one.**

**We come together today as
The United Church of Canada,
l'Église Unie du Canada!**

**Lifted by the wings of your Holy Spirit,
we listen for your Word
in burning bush and in all of creation.**

**Lifted by the wings of the Holy Spirit,
we listen for your Word
in the scriptures and in all of life.**

**Help us to swim together,
part of that great school of Jesus' fish,
held together by Christ's love.**

**Help us to live together, part of that great web of life, in every corner, every part of the
circle, given being by the Creator's love. Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren (pronunciation: aw
gway—nyah day day waw—nay renh). All my relations! Alleluia! 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: "***Draw the Circle Wide***" (MV 145)

WHY I GIVE: (Sandra McDonald)

LEARNING TOGETHER (Children's Time)

INVITATION TO PRAYER: "**God of the Bible**" (MV 28, v 1)

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 Shawna Cockle, Redcliff and Christ the King Chapel, CFB Suffield (Padre Gerald Van Smeerdyk)**

South Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray for **Southern Alberta Japanese Pastoral Charge & Eva Stanley**

HYMN: THE LORD'S PRAYER (vu 959)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **James 1:19–25**

ANTHEM: "**God Will Open a Door**"

MEDITATION: "**The Rule of Love, The Rule of Law, The Rule of Numbers**"

†HYMN: "**Christ Has No Body Now but Yours**" (MV 171)

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERING OF GIFTS:

As we said last week, we're asking that everyone put something on the plate today. Some of us will be placing our financial offering—thank you! But today, we'd like to ask everyone to think of a way that you are part of the wider United Church of Canada. Maybe it's a role you've played in the wider church, maybe it's a memory of a congregation you visited, or if you come from away, a congregation from your earlier life. Whatever it is, as the offering plate goes by, take a moment to grab the image from your imagination and place it on the plate!

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: "**For Food in a World**" (VU 552)

†DEDICATION:

**You call us to be your people;
you call us to be the church;
you share with us so many things;
alleluia, loving God!
As your people, as your church,
we offer what we have and who we are to you.
Blessed by your love,
may these gifts be a blessing for the world.
Alleluia, loving God! Amen!**

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†CLOSING HYMN: "**You Wrap the Whole World in Your Love**" (Tune of He's Got the Whole World in His Hands)

‡COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

One: Go into the world, living Christ's love everywhere you go.
Remember your neighbours: those who live and those around the world.
In the joyful times, share the celebration. In the difficult times, share the hope.
In all times, remember this: we never go alone.

**ALL: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

‡CHORAL AMEN: (VU 969)

‡SENDING FORTH HYMN: "***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***" (VU 575, vs. 1, sung twice)

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Announcements

The Pastoral Care Visiting Team & CIC Ministries on Wednesday Oct. 24th at 1:00-pm in the Lounge.

Hospital Visitation group requires one visitor. Commitment is approximately one hour a month at the hospital. Please see Anna Marie or Pat after worship or the contact church office if interested.

Do you know of someone needing a ride to church? Will you offer a ride to someone? Please see signup sheet, let Pat know or contact the church office.

Irvine Peace United Church is taking orders for buttermints! Mints are \$5.00 for 6, \$8.00 for a dozen. Order form is on the small bulletin board by Memorial Hall.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0 Faith Study at Fifth Avenue United continues Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm until Nov. 21. You can attend any or all sessions. Oct. 24 will feature "Stories of Creation", followed by a break on Oct. 31 (Hallowe'en), then resuming with "Lives of Jesus" on Nov. 7. Snacks and drinks provided in the kitchen; DVD & discussion in the Memorial-Salem room. Hope to see you there!

FRIDAY, OCT. 26, 5:30 PM: HALLOWE'EN MESSY CHURCH - Join us at Fifth Ave Memorial United for food, fellowship, pumpkin carving, games and more! We will be assisted by the 3 other area United Churches. Everyone is welcome, especially in costume! If you're able to help (cleanup, games, decor etc), please contact Lynnette Burry at WUC (lburry@shaw.ca) or Pat Ward at FAM (wardmailab@shaw.ca). The first Messy Church took place in 2004 at an Anglican church in Portsmouth, England and the event has now spread to 30 different countries. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 27, 5:00 pm: Fall Supper at Gordon Memorial United Church (Redcliff) Tickets \$14 and \$7 for 6 and under. For tickets, please contact Reita 403-548-3517.

Saturday, November 3: Fall Supper at Westminster United Church (one sitting at 5:00 pm). We are having Roast Beef this year. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children ages 7 - 12, and children under 6 are free. The family rate will be \$50.00 (2 adults and 2 or more children). A Sign-up sheet for other food items is in Memorial Hall.

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 October are allocated to the Haitian Coffee Fund.

Behind these doors, people are making a difference in your community.

Food Banks
Refugee Sponsorship
Out of the Cold
Summer Camps
After-School Programs
Child Advocacy
Affordable Housing
Community Gardens
Meals on Wheels
Seniors Services
Adult Drop-In
Community Transport
Adult Enrichment Programs
Clothing Depots
Community Meals
Anti-Poverty Advocacy
Crisis Intervention
Critical Housing Care
Family Support Programs
Homeless Shelters
Environmental Advocacy
Seniors Housing
University Chaplaincy

Community Kitchens
Healing Programs
Family Violence Prevention
Thrift Stores
Speakers Series
Before-School Breakfasts
Arts Centres
Refugee Sanctuary
Interfaith Dialogue
Addiction Recovery
Music and Worship
Wellness Programs
Parish Nursing
Hospital Chaplaincy
Community Choirs
Immigrant Outreach
LGBTTO Advocacy
Fair Trade Cafés
First Nations Reconciliation
Community Concerts
Christmas Hampers
Spiritual Development
Women's Services

**You can make a difference too.
Roll up your sleeves. Be a part of it.**



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