



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for October 28, 2018**  
Loving Our Neighbours: Global Mission & Service  
Today's Worship Leader is Anna Marie Hancock

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Children of the Creator, dancers with the Spirit, disciples of the Christ— let us walk together

**ALL: as neighbours, as siblings, as friends.**

One: Living with respect for creation, carried to places of challenge and dream, called to love God, other, and self— let us walk together

**ALL: as neighbours, as siblings, as friends.**

One: As people of gratitude, let us give thanks for what we've been given; as people of grace, let us celebrate that all is a gift of God; as people of generosity, let us share it with all who have need— let us walk together

**ALL: as neighbours, as siblings, as friends.**

One: And, with our gratitude, our grace, our generosity, and our togetherness—

**ALL: let us worship God!**

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

OPENING PRAYER:

**ALL: God, make us lenses for your light and love. Let it flow through us, that we might be "focuses" shining brightly in places of gloom. Where there is need, help us to be tangible examples of your love. Where there is loss, help us to walk together, sharing all that you have given. Where we hold tight, help us to release our grip, that generosity of spirit might transform us and the world. We ask that you continue to bless us, God, as we come together to worship 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: "**It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**" (MV 30)

WHY I GIVE: (BJ Maddaford)

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 **Redcliff Councillor Cathy Crozier and Grasslands Community Church (Pastor Bart Blair)**

South Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray for **Grace Anglican United Pastoral Charge & Janni Belgum**

HYMN: THE LORD'S PRAYER (vu 959)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Acts 11:27–30**

ANTHEM:

MEDITATION: "**Partners in the Gospel**"

✠HYMN: "**Like a Healing Stream**" (MV 144)

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERING OF GIFTS:

Long before Mark wrote it down, the disciples were living it: "From each, according to their ability; to each, according to their need." As you've thought through the Response Cards, the Stewardship Committee and the Board of Elders know that you've been thinking about all of what you have to offer: financial resources, abilities, and time. Thank you. Thank you for being part of this congregation and for sharing of yourself. Let us gather together what we have, that we might share it with the world.

OFFERTORY:

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

✠DEDICATION:

**We don't know what you are creating, God, but we are glad to be part of it! We ask that our offerings be part of what you use to bring to new life what only you can see. Take our commitments, that they might be guides and supports for the ministry we live—today and always. Amen.**

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✠CLOSING HYMN: "**Spirit God, Be Our Breath**" (MV 150)

✠COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

One: It is time.

**ALL: It is time.**

One: So now we go.

**ALL: So now we go.**

One: Blessed and blessing.

**ALL: Blessed and blessing.**

One: To a changing world.

**ALL: To a changing world.**

One: And God goes with us

**ALL: every step of the way! Amen.**

✠CHORAL AMEN: (VU 969)

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

# Announcements

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 buttermilk tarts! Tarts are \$5.00 for 6, \$8.00 for a dozen. Order form is on the small bulletin board by Memorial Hall.

Gordon Memorial United Church is selling homemade frozen Cookie Dough – chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, Gingersnaps and sugar cookies, to name just a few. Cost is \$20.00 for 1 2kg container (makes 8 – 10 doz). Contact Velda at 403-529-6961 or Sharon at 403-548-6182 to place your order. See poster by Memorial Hall for a complete list of the types of cookies.

We are looking for people to help with both the sound system and the powerpoint operations for Sunday mornings. Especially need someone to do the powerpoint on Sunday, November 11 and possibly the week after. Training will be provided for both. Sound operators may also be required for funerals and weddings, and will be provided with an honorarium for those types of activities. If you are interested in learning a new skill, please see Pat Evans or contact the office at 403-527-5246.

**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!

**Saturday, November 3, 5:00 pm:** Fall Supper at Westminster United Church. 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.

**Saturday, November 24, 2:00 – 3:30 pm:** UCW Poinsettia Tea in Memorial Hall. Bake Sale, plus Crafts and Jewellery Tables. Get your Christmas gifts while enjoying a cup of tea and goodies.

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.

***Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!***

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

***Elder-in-Charge:***

***Scripture Reader:***

***Greeters:***

***Coffee Hosts***

***Sound***

***PowerPoint Operator***

Maureen Oster

Marg McCulley

Linda Kisell, Grace Lemon

Al Piotrowski, Lynne Graff

Melanie Rattai

Kathy Nielsen

