



**Westminster United Church
Worship Service for May 26th, 2019**

Today's Worship Leaders are Kevin Koop & Rev. Helen Reid

"We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world."

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Our journey of faith calls us to venture along the rocky road of challenge and blessing.

All: We are guided by ancestors who led with compassion and faithfulness.

One: We follow Jesus Christ, who is our teacher and companion.

All: Christ is our example and friend. Thanks be to God!

✠PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Christ Within Us is Hidden" (MV 162 vs 1&3)**

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church and in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the lost be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find resolve, and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the weak be renewed.
Here may the grieving find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"(VU 644 vs 1,2 & 3)

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM::

One Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us celebrate the 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. (Based on Eph.4: 4-6)

PRESENTATION:

Elder: On behalf of the board of Westminster United Church, I present Michael John Stappler for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism

PROMISES OF THE PARENTS:

Mark and Amanda, do you desire to have your child baptized?

...I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in God and in His love?

...Yes I do

Do you believe that God has made himself known to us in Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and died and lives again?

.... Yes I do

Do you believe that God by Her Spirit is active in the world to direct and strengthen you?

...Yes I do.

Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on your child's behalf?

...I will God being my helper.

Will you endeavour to show your child the Christian life and to grow with your child in faith in making deeper commitments to our Lord?

...I will, God being my helper.

PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION:.. (*Please stand*)

Do you receive this child with love and concern?

...**Yes, we do**

As a baptized and baptizing church do you commit yourselves to support and nurture baptized children within a community which worships God, resists evil and seeks justice?

.... **We do, God being our helper**

Do you promise to assist in the Christian education of the children who seek the spiritual guidance and nurture of this church by providing the learning, resources, leadership and opportunities that will be required?

.... **Yes, we do so promise, God being our helper.** (*Please be seated*)

PRAYER:

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water comes the growth of the earth. Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

The water is poured
What is the name of this child?

THE BAPTISM:

One: Michael John I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen

Laying on of hands (*indicating the receiving of the Holy Spirit and all the Spirit's blessings*)

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

People Amen

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that Michael John Stappler has been received into the holy catholic church.

The Aaronic Blessing

People Amen

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

All: Remind us always of your promises given us in our baptism, and our commitment to love you with heart and mind and soul and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

One; Once we were no people

All Now we are God's people Thanks be to God.

One. Let us give this child our greeting:

All: We receive you joyfully into the family of God. We pledge to grow with you in the knowledge and love of God, Grace and peace to you in fullest measure.

A certificate and candle, reminder of the light of Christ, are presented.

In the service 'his' and 'her' are used in reference to God to remind us that the God we worship is personal, contains all of the characteristics of masculine and feminine, and is beyond gender. Catholic refers to the universal church of Jesus Christ.

Please wait till after the service to take pictures

HYMN: " I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" (VU 644 vs 4,5,6 & 7)

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (VU 61)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

As pilgrims drawn fully and freely into worship, we confess honestly and privately to God all that we know we have done that falls short of His glory. In this silent time, let us confess to God our sins, hurts, longings and fears, knowing that we experience the power of God's grace as a free gift.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **(John 14:1-4)**

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (VU 356 vs 1&2)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

**God of the ages,
We come to the scriptures looking for you,
And seeking to discover your will for us.
Encourage and challenge us with a message that we are loved and we are
called to be disciples, to be witness, and to spread your love to all people.**

SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 67 (VU786) (Responsive)**

Refrain: Let the people praise you, God, let the nations shout their joy.

Be gracious unto us, O God, and bless us;
and let the light of your face shine upon us,
**that your ways may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples righteously
and guide the nations of the earth.**

The earth has yielded its harvest,
and you, our God, have blessed us.
**Your blessing, O God, be upon us.
May all the ends of the earth revere you.**

Refrain: Let the people praise you, God, let the nations shout their joy.

One: This is the witness of the ancient song-writers
All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: TBA

SERMON: **"Encountering Ability"**

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"A Place of Worship, a Place of Hope"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERING PRAYER: (Unison)

One: God you are good,
and through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Grant that these offerings we give may be used for your glory,
and for the service of your kingdom.

All: Blessed be God forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" (VU 537)**

†DEDICATION:

May we go out from this place rejoicing and proclaiming our Risen Lord!
Lord of Love and light!
Lord of courage and hope!
Lord of promise and new beginnings!

†A NEW CREED: (Spoken)

†CLOSING HYMN: **"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (VU 326)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION: **(Romans 15:13)**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. God is faithful, and he will do it!

†SENDING FORTH: **"We shall go Out with Hope of Resurrection" (VU 586)**

CHORAL AMEN

Postlude



Announcements

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.

Update from the Joint Search Committee:

The Joint Search Committee will be extending the deadline for ministerial applications to May 31, 2019 due to continued technical difficulties with the new ChurchHub system.

Cam Lockerbie
Chair

Sunday Worship Services for July 2019 will be held at Westminster United Church.

May/June editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

Donations at Coffee Time for May are allocated to the UCW

The U.C.W will be holding a "bakeless" bake sale fundraiser every Sunday at W.U.C throughout the month of May:

*A bit of news we have today--
A bakeless bake sale is on the way.
On these busy days, now who would bake
Pies, cookies, or even cakes?*

*You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat, and the time you've lost.
Cookies for a sale is extra work*

Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

*So we've thought of a plan that is grand
And we feel quite certain that you will understand.
In a little envelope please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.*

*Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale--
Thank you for helping our Bakeless Bake Sale!!*

Cheques made payable to Westminster U.C.W.--not to the church.)

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Donna Scharf
<i>Greeters:</i>	Linda Kisell
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Melissa Stappler
<i>Minutes for Mission:</i>	Gerald Weiss
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	John and Betty Sidlick
<i>Sound :</i>	Pat Evans
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen
<i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i>	Bob McCaig

