

Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

February 25, 2018

Lenten Theme: "Journey to Enlightenment"

Prelude

Welcome

Meditation

With music VU 371 v 2 "Open My Ears"

With silence

Call to Worship

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

(written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>)

Hymn MV 161 "I have called you by your name"

Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

Forgive those times when we are blind and deaf to your call.

Open our eyes that we may see your truth, and open our ears that we may hear it. Fill us with the life that is Christ within us.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's call to us is ongoing. In the midst of the noise of our world, we often fail to hear it. But our Creator is patient and will keep calling us to surrender and follow. God's patience is rooted in deep love for each one of us, and we will always be shown the way when we open up and truly listen to the call.

Hymn VU 562 "Jesus calls us"

Readings

Scripture - 1 Samuel 3: *Who's Calling?*

NOW Testament –

Do We Really Listen? Do We Really Hear?

Message 'Do You Hear What I Hear?'

B. Stocks

Prayers of the People; The Lord's Prayer VU 960

Life and Work of Westminster

Minute for Mission

'A Sweet Program of Empowerment'

Offertory Prayer

We are blessed with your gifts O God. May the gifts we share today be a blessing to others.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Hymn VU 509 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

Benediction

In word

As we move forward on our Lenten journey to enlightenment, we maintain our strength and courage; strength to be open to hearing our call, and courage to follow where the Creator wants us to go.

In song (from VU 509)

Here I am Lord. Is it I lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Postlude