

Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

April 22, 2018

Earth Day

Easter 4

Camping Sunday

We Gather to Worship



Prelude

Welcoming and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus the good shepherd laid down his life for his sheep.

All: Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only SON, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life."

Leader: He also said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

All: The commandment of Jesus is to love one another, for no one has greater love than this.

Leader: Let us worship our God and his Son, Jesus Christ, in word, prayer, and song.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn MV 1 *"Let Us Build a House"*

Affirmation of Faith

(from Iona Worship Book, Isle of Iona, Scotland)

**We know that God is in the world
– was and is and will be.**

God made it all, and continues to renew, to remake, and to resurrect.

We know God best in the life of Jesus Christ, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves lives.

We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit.

We are filled with God's joy, and we are pledged to discipleship and love.

We trust in God. We celebrate God.

We work together for justice and peace through God. We are never alone.

We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of the Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Hymn VU 179

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"

Responsive Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pasture:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.**

Scripture Reading First John 3: 16-24

Hymn VU 158 “ *Christ Is Alive* ”

Meditation “ *Love Each Other* ” Peter Scott

We Share God's Love

Offering

Offering Dedication VU 541

“ *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* ”

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

(from Iona Worship Book, Isle of Iona, Scotland)

Hymn MV 145 “ *Draw the Circle Wide* ”

Benediction

(from Iona Worship Book, Isle of Iona, Scotland)

Leader: I lie down with God,

All: and God lies down with me.

Leader: I lie down with Christ,

All: and Christ lies down with me.

Leader: I lie down with the Spirit,

All: and the Spirit lies down with me.

Leader: God, Christ, and the Spirit –

All: all three – with me. Amen.

Postlude

