

# Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

July 1, 2018

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

(\* invites people to stand as they are able;  
people's part in **bold type**)



Prelude

Welcome

\* Call to Worship

As people of faith, we greet a new day.

**With the new day comes new strength  
and new thoughts.**

As we awaken every morning,  
we thank God for the new day.

**We celebrate each new day with praise,  
love, grace and a smile on our faces.**

Each new day offers the chance to start afresh,  
to achieve those things we most desire.

**We greet this new day with open arms  
and endless possibilities.**

\* Hymn VU 523      “ O God of All the Many Lands ”

Prayer

**Come to us, Holy God,  
as we gather before you;  
encircle us with your love.  
Bless us with your sustaining presence;  
surround us with your grace.**

**Draw us ‘round your living Word,  
and bind us to one another  
as disciples of Christ,  
whose Spirit is in our midst. Amen.**

A New Creed VU 918

Minute for Mission      “ Children’s Rights ”

Hymn VU 579

“ The Church Is Wherever God’s People ”

Readings

2 Corinthians 8:7–15      *Excel in generosity.*

*Attachment and the Art of Letting Go*

*(Dr. Gail Brenner - from Gailbrenner.com)*

Sung Response MVU 115

“ Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New ”

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

Meditation

Brian Stocks

Choral Preface to Prayer

MV 154

“ Deep in Our Hearts ”

v 3,4

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer VU 959

Life and Work of Westminster

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Ever-present God, with this offering,  
we present also ourselves:  
all that we have been, all that we are,  
and all that we shall become,  
and our resolve to walk in your way.  
Accept us and our offering,  
we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **Presentation of our Gifts**

**\* Hymn VU 236** “ *Now Thank We All Our God* ”

### **\* Commissioning**

Go into the world in peace.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
with all your strength,  
and love your neighbour as yourself.

**\*Sung Benediction** “ *Go Gently, Go Lightly* ”

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,  
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:  
go trusting God's goodness,  
go spreading God's kindness,  
stay centred on Jesus and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing the gifts of the Spirit,  
go hopefully searching for things that are true:  
in living, in loving,  
whatever befalls you,  
God keep us, God bless us in all that we do.

## **Postlude**