

Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 26, 2019

“ Our Talents Shared ”

Worship Leaders

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God moves among us,
binding us as a people of faith and hope.

**The Spirit stirs within us,
moving us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**

The Spirit moves through us,
making us channels of God’s love.

**As we gather to worship,
we open ourselves to the spirit
of the living God made known to us
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

★Hymn VU 409 *“ Morning Has Broken ”*

Prayer

Spirit of Joy,
come like the wind and energize us to do your work.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy!

Spirit of Truth,
come as the flame of Christ’s light among us,
illuminating our hearts, our minds, our lives.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Truth!

Spirit of Life,
come as the breath of life,
rekindling all who are weary,
that they may have life and know God.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life!

Spirit of Hope,
come from the four winds
and breathe upon your people,
that creation may be renewed with hope.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope!

Spirit of Love, come as our Comforter and Consoler,
that all who are broken or wounded may be healed,
and that all who grieve may be consoled
by the power of your love and grace.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love.

**Spirit of Wisdom,
come as the light of understanding,
and show us the path you want us to follow.**

Hymn VU 377 *“ Holy Spirit, Hear Us ”*

Readings

2 Corinthians 7: 7-15 *Generosity encouraged*

Matthew 25: 31-40 *Living with compassion*

Now Testament *Living in Kindness*

Message *“ Our Talents Shared ”*

Hymn VU 506 *“ Take My Life and Let It Be ”*

Prayers of God's People

Holy One, with the first words of Creation
you called for light to come from darkness.

**Creating god, speak into our darkness
that we may be light.**

Holy One, with the breath of your Spirit,
you sent life into a lump of clay.

**Creating god, send your spirit
that we may come to life.**

Holy One, we know that new life will call us beyond
our familiar places and comfortable way.

**Creating God, stir us to life.
Make us restless in our comfortable confining
places; urge us to yearn for new possibilities;
help us to reach for new life.**

Holy One, into life you call us.
May we move into the world,
holding light in the darkness, offering hope,
speaking comfort, singing...

We would proclaim your love.

Holy One, we gather our prayers for this earth
and all people into one prayer
as we say the words we have been given.

The Lord's Prayer

(unison)

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory Hymn VU 542

" We Give You But Your Own "

Prayer for the Presentation of Our Offerings

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

Hymn VU 509 *" I, the Lord of Sea and Sky "*
(Here I Am, Lord)

Benediction

In Word

As you return to the world –
May the grace of God uphold you,
the peace of God surround you,
the love of God flow from you,
the strength of God protect you,
and bring you safely through this day,
and every day.
Now go out into the world and use your talents
that He has given you. .

In Song *" Go Now In Peace "*

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, that will be enough.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude