



# Westminster United Church

## "Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
**October 6, 2019**

Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.



We embrace people of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientations, gender identity, abilities, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances, in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this congregation.

We are so glad you came! Thank you for worshipping at Westminster. We hope you will be encouraged by the teaching you hear and by the people you meet. Please take a moment to fill out "A Westminster Welcome!" card located in the seat pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. To stay connected with us, see our Facebook page, website [www.westminster-uc.ca](http://www.westminster-uc.ca) or sign up for our weekly email at [wuc@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:wuc@westminster-uc.ca).

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(\* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

## **We Gather Together**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Wheat and oats and millet and rye,  
rolled or braided, baked or boiled.

**Many: All the good grains of your good earth,  
given to nourish your people, O God.**

One: Grapes and barley and corn and rice,  
squeezed and mashed, fermented and aged.

**Many: All the good fruits of tree and vine,  
given to gladden your people, O God.**

One: In the daily bread that feeds us  
and in the chalice that cheers us,  
Your abundance blesses us.

**Many: May we respond to your generous gift  
by sharing our good gifts, honouring creation  
and attending the banquet you have prepared.**

One: Let us share in God's love and blessings  
as we worship together this day.

### **Gathering Verse - MV 16 Come and Fill Our Hearts**

### **Opening Prayer**

**\* Passing the Peace**

**\* Hymn: VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**  
- St. Denio (Bible is placed)

## **To Offer Ourselves**

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** - Bread of the World - *Klusmeier (Kathy and  
Ron Coltof, Violins)*

**\* Sung Response - VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

### **Offering Prayer**

## **To Hear God's Word**

### **Time with all God's Children**

**Song while children leave for J.A.M. "He's Got the Whole World"**

**Scripture: Luke 14:16-24** *Susan Shkolnik*

**Ministry of Music** - The Wedding Banquet - *Winter (Jennifer Tilk, Heather Von Zuben)*

**Message: "A Banquet and You're Invited"** *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

## **To Respond in Faith**

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts** - *Gordon Light*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to the Table - Communion**

*We warmly invite all (adults, youth and children) to share in this celebration. The table of God is an open table to which all are welcome.*

**\*Hymn: VU 457 As We Gather At Your Table** - *Beach Spring*

One: The Holy One is here.

**Many: God's Spirit is with us.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**Many: It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed good and right  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O God of many names.  
You made a covenant with Noah  
and caused nations, in their amazing diversity,  
to spread over the face of the earth.  
As of old You led your people  
out of a land of enslavement to a land of promise,  
so, too, You led our ancestors, and some among us,  
into new lands of possibility - there to find You anew.  
In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus,  
in every aspect human as we are.  
He grew up in a small town in Galilee,  
far from the seat of religious and civil power.  
He spoke with a distinct accent.  
He learned of the breadth of Your grace  
from a Gentile mother.

Beside Jacob's well,  
He was moved by an encounter with a minority woman  
and disclosed His messianic identity.  
Therefore, with these and our other ancestors in the faith,  
both named and unnamed,  
who through the ages and all over the world  
have borne courageous witness to the hope within them,  
we praise you, saying:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy God,  
Power of life and love!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna through the ages!  
Blest is the One who comes  
to bring your justice to earth!**

One: On the last night He spent with His friends,  
Jesus took an age-old tradition of His people  
and transformed it into something new.  
He took bread, staple food of His land,  
blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around His saying,  
"Take, eat, this is my body, broken for You.  
Whenever you do this, remember me."  
after supper He took a cup of wine,  
common drink of His people,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
"Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in My blood.  
Each time you do this, remember Me."  
By remembering Jesus in this way now,  
we claim our common heritage  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Many: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

One: Send, O covenant God, Your Holy Spirit  
upon us and what we do here,  
that we and these gifts, empowered by Your Spirit,  
may become signs of shalom  
to one another and to all peoples of the earth.

**Many: As our Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself to You,  
O God, we offer ourselves to You, as Your people have  
done before, as they still do everywhere.  
Let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and  
acceptable in Your sight.  
Use us as You will that we may die to self to live for You.  
Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is Yours everywhere, now and forever.

## To Go Into the World

- \* **Hymn:** MV 238 O Lord My God - *O Store Gud*
  - \* **Blessing and Sending Forth**
  - \* **Closing Response - Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen x2**
  - \* **Postlude** - Dear God Who Loves All Humankind - *arr Berry*
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### Upcoming Services

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Sunday, October 13  | Thanksgiving Sunday |
| • Sunday, October 27  | Stewardship Sunday  |
| • Sunday, November 10 | Remembrance Sunday  |

Next Week's Scripture: Luke 6:17-26; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Theme: "Go get it-Go give it"

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### Prayer Requests during the service //

Our weekly worship service provides a time for submitting prayers of concern, thanksgiving and praise. You will find prayer forms in the pew pockets. Prayer & praise requests are collected along with the offering. Please place the completed prayer cards in the baskets as they are circulated and your weekly offering in the plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern.

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### Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym // Join us for lunch TODAY! //

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a time of fellowship.

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### We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday //

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. Either headphones can be worn without hearing aids or neck loops which can be used with hearing aids. If you wish to wear the neck loop you need to ensure that your hearing aids come equipped with a telephone coil (T switch). You can ask one of our ushers for assistance.

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**A children's program** is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children will be invited to head to **J.a.M.** during the service after the Children's Time. Please speak to an usher for directions or more information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our J.a.M. program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)



## Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith  
Smithfield-Carman United Church

## We thank you for your generosity to our Food Bank and for helping to keep our shelves stocked especially during the summer months //

A few things that we are currently in need of are: canned fruit and veggies, pasta sauce, instant coffee and school snacks or fruit cups. Thank you! We are very grateful!



## Broadview magazine //

Formerly *United Church Observer*.

October is annual subscription

renewal month – as well as opportunity for NEW subscribers. **\$25/year** for 10 annual issues. Contact Paul Kneebone ([paul.kneebone@rogers.com](mailto:paul.kneebone@rogers.com) / 905-430-8664).

Checkout the *Broadview* information table in the gym after church. Don't miss out on what is happening in your United Church of Canada, plus many other spiritual "food for thought" topics. Great way to stay current and connected!



**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**



## NOOMA DVD Series //

Mondays, 7:00pm -  
8:00pm, Oct 28, Nov 11,  
Nov 25 & Dec 9

NOOMA is a series of  
short relatable films that invite you  
to search, question and join the  
discussion..

No registration is required.



Westminster United Church

Presents

Diane Leah, Heather Bambrick, and Julie Michels

in

**Broadway**

"From Gershwin to Gaga, it's Broadway... their way!"

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7pm

Limited number of tickets available at the church

or online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**\$30 per ticket**

1850 Rossland Road East Whitby



Fri. October 18<sup>th</sup>  
2019 from 4 - 6pm  
at Westminster UC  
from the UCW.

You pick up your prepared dinner from  
the church and eat at home.

Dinner will be Soup, Sandwiches, and  
Dessert.

Cost: Dinner for 2: \$10.00

Dinner for 4: \$20.00

There are NO pre-orders.

For more information contact: Shirley  
Penny @905-430-8122.



## **Hurricane Dorian Assistance– Collection of Personal Hygiene Products //**

After hearing about the devastation left by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas' and Abaco Islands, often one wants to do something more. Through Carol O'Neil and the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee – who

Carol works for), the UCW is offering the congregation such an opportunity. 'Buckets of Thanks' containing personal hygiene supplies will be sent to the people affected by the disaster. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting the following items: wrapped bars of bath soap, 300 + ml bottles of shampoo, bars of laundry soap (ie Sunlight), new adult-sized toothbrushes, new bath towels (approximately 75 X 150 cm), wide-toothed combs, nail clippers, assorted adhesive bandages, and packages of thin sanitary pads. All donations can be left in the marked box in front of the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

**The United Church** is accepting donations to respond to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Dorian's devastation. You can help by donating through the United Church here: <https://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief>

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## **Camp Quin-Mo-Lac Request //**

Our closest United Church camp, Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, is in need of the following supplies: new 13 or 60 watt lightbulbs, new 9-volt square batteries, Canadian Tire money, and assorted sport balls: soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. If you are donating, please leave the items in the designated box at the church and they will be picked up on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Thank you for your assistance in providing these items for Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. It is greatly appreciated.



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## **Faith & Fellowship**

Wednesday, Oct 16

1:30pm–3:00pm

This monthly “come as you can” group brings adults of all ages together for a time of discussion, food, fellowship and prayer.

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## **Games Night, Friday, Oct 18, 7:00 - 9:30pm //**

Bring your friends and family and plan to come out for a fun, free evening of board games! This event is for adults and youth (10 years and older). See you there!



## Being Stewards of God's Earth //



A recent study suggests that humans consume up to 74,000 microplastic particles each year. Toxic chemicals in these microplastics are absorbed by our bodies and may lead to human health effects. Let's get involved and speak to local representatives. It works! In 2018, microbeads were banned in a number of products--including facial scrubs, toothpastes, and body lotions--in response to public demand. Canada has recently launched a plan to ban harmful single-use plastics by 2021. If you want more information about what can be done with the problem of plastics, there are a number of organizations that are working to address the problem, such as Environmental Defence (at <https://environmentaldefence.ca/campaign/ending-plastic-pollution>).

**Greeters and Candle Lighter** Council Executive

**Ushers** Team 1 - Lorne Coe, Ron Kurtz, Wendy Ekker, Ed Ekker

**Coffee and Tea** Team 5 – Glenda Locksley, Bob Locksley, Liz Aldred, Arlene Jones

**Tech Booth** Tim Shkolnik, Chris Shkolnik

**Volunteer Custodian(s)** Team 1 - Bob Neil (leader), Sue Neil, Larry Morrow, Jeanne Yee

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