

# ***Weston Presbyterian Church***

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**August 25th, 2019**

***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

**Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Organ Prelude

**Call to Worship (sung 3x):**

**303**

*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy, Lord.*

**Responsive reading:**

Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,  
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise  
in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

*Let us worship God!*

**Hymn: “O God, whose fire lit the stars”**

**287**

(alt. Forest Green 164)

Prayer of Approach

**The Lord’s Prayer** (use trespass and trespasses)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Sung Prayer for Illumination:**

*“Shine, Holy Spirit”*  
(tune 373, words by D. Osborne)

*Holy Spirit, shine on me.  
Light the flame of love in me.  
Glow within this heart of mine.  
Help me show that I am thine.*

*Shine, Holy Spirit!  
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Shine, Holy Spirit!  
My heart, my heart is thine.*

**Old Testament Scripture:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (p. 609)

**Responsive Psalm 71:1-6** (red psalter)

**Hymn: “A mighty fortress is our God” 315**

**Epistle and Gospel Readings:**

Hebrews 12:18-29 (p. 979)

Luke 13:10-17 (p. 848)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: “When Jesus the healer” 203**

**Sermon: *With eyes of faith***

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“Come, know my joy, the Maker says”** 788  
(alt. Kingsfold, 671)

Offering and Offering Response: **“Doxology”** 830

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**O God, from you we receive every blessing  
and are filled with joy,  
enabled to know your peace.  
With thankful hearts  
we offer ourselves and these gifts  
in the service of Jesus Christ.  
May we always live for you. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: **“The kingdom of God is justice and joy”** 787

Call to walk in the Spirit (responsive):

Always give thanks to the Lord.  
**With our whole hearts we will give thanks  
for God’s righteousness endures forever.**  
Always seek the will of the Lord.  
**His works are faithful and just,  
his teaching trustworthy.**  
Always revere the Lord in whatever you say and do.  
For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
**We will love and revere the Lord.**

## Sung Benediction

*Give thanks with a grateful heart.*

*Give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.*

*And now let the weak say 'I am strong.'*

*Let the poor say 'I am rich.'*

*Because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**"Sing Amen"**

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*Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.*

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*Sing amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen,*

*amen, we praise your name, O God.*

Silent Meditation (We leave to share the good news.)

Organ Postlude

*Welcome to our service of worship this morning.  
Thank you for joining us. We hope you will come to  
Lower Creelman Hall for refreshments and a time of  
fellowship after the service.*

*If you are here for the first time, please sign our  
guest book at the Cross Street entrance.*

*May God richly bless you and make you a blessing  
to many.*

## ***Stewardship Moment***

The care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it, and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope.

Wendall Berry (b. 1934)



We will resume providing items of various sorts to **Weston King Neighbourhood Centre** after Labour Day. In September we will collect mugs and Tim Horton gift cards. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated.

***Thank you!***



## ***Mission Moment - A home away from home***

When her niece fell ill, Zenabu was accused by her sister of bewitching the little girl. Belief in witchcraft continues to be widespread in Ghana, and those accused can face relentlessly cruel treatment. Zenabu feared for her safety, until she found sanctuary at the *PWS&D* supported Gambaga Camp—a refuge for women who have been accused of witchcraft. Zenabu has been trained in soap making and earns an income by selling her handiwork. She enjoys the self-reliance that comes with the chance to sell her goods. Even as *PWS&D* works with communities to help them see that misfortune is not a result of witchcraft, this support is giving women like Zenabu the chance to lead safe and meaningful lives.

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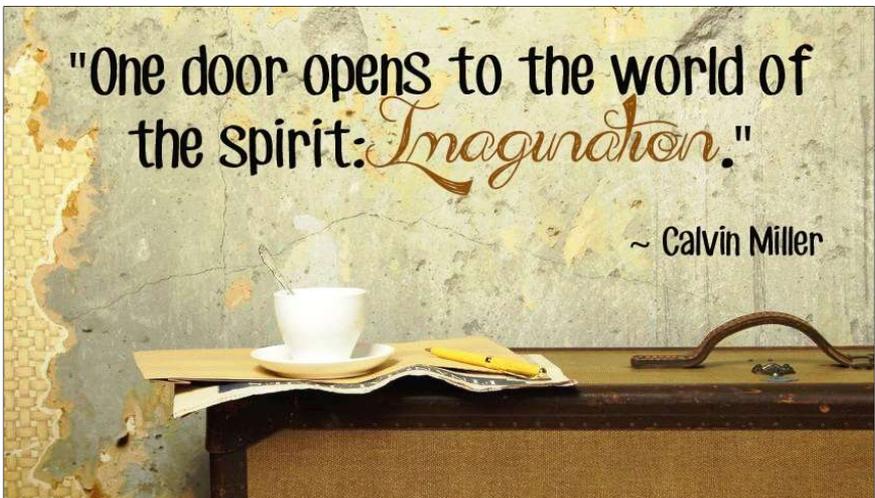
## ***Ways of Seeing***

I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch, or the rough shaggy bark of a pine.... I feel the delightful, velvety texture of a flower, and discover its remarkable convolutions; and something of the miracle of Nature is revealed to me.

Occasionally, if I am very fortunate, I place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.... At times my heart cries out with longing to see these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight.

Yet, those who have eyes apparently see little. The panorama of color and action which fills the world is taken for granted.... It is a great pity that, in the world of light, the gift of sight is used only as a mere convenience rather than as a means of adding fullness to life.

Helen Keller



**Readings for September 1st, 2019**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

*Forsaking living water*

**Psalms 81:1, 10-16**

*Fed with wheat and honey*

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*Living mutual love*

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Humbling the self-exalted*



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