

West River United Church

Minister: Rev. Austin Jagoe

and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, April 3rd, 2016, 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

“The risen Lord is among us. Put aside uncertainty.

Put aside Doubt. Put aside skepticism.

Put aside mistrust. Do not doubt, but believe.

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Who knows what you might hear in worship today?

ALL: God knows.

ONE: It could be the beauty of a favorite hymn, or a passage of scripture.

ALL: It could be the sound of friends gathering for worship.

ONE: Or even the silence between all the sounds. As we worship, let's listen for the movement of the Spirit inspiring us to hear, and see, and feel God's presence in our midst.

ALL: Let's Worship!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: We heard last week how they went to tomb, just as the sun was beginning to rise. Eyes down cast, heavy hearts.

But what they found there, shone in their lives forever.

The new Light! (light the Christ Candle)

ALL: As Easter people we follow the light of Christ!

 This Little Light of Mine (*projected*)

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

ONE: Thomas finds himself face to face with the risen Christ, he says: “My Lord and my God.” Apathy, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. Doubt is the opportunity to dive deeper into your faith, and find our faith strengthened through the struggle.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: In the last few weeks as we worshipped you, O God. Our mood kept changing, from sorrow to bewilderment and then to joy. And (...lover)

as we come here this morning to offer praise and thanksgiving, we still don't understand it all. We know this much though; You are the God of life, your love conquers sin and death; you give life to the world. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Accept the praise we bring, for we offer in and through Jesus Christ, who taught us when praying together, to pray like this....

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

WELCOME

ONE: Welcome one another to this time of celebration and praise.
(welcome one another)

♪ 'And on This Path' – MV 8(*projected*)

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

♪ 'Come Children Join to Sing' VU345 (*projected*)

♪ 'It's a Song of Praise to the Maker' - MV 30 (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS (*see insert*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALL: O loving God, be patient with us as we strive to embrace
The promise of our faith
Like Thomas before us,
We long to believe in the power of the resurrection,
But so many doubts remain.
Faced with the ravages of hate,

(...lover)

**Love seems like a candle in the wind.
We cling to the promise of life,
But death keeps hold on us still.
Come to us, in the midst of our doubt
And proclaim with Thomas:
“My Lord and my God!”
And taste the fullness of life. Amen.**

♪ ‘How Deep The Peace’ – MV 95 (*projected*)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: May the power of God’s love heal us.
The power of Christ’s love save us!
The power of the Spirit’s love set us free! Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION

HYMN VU 661 ‘Come to My Heart’ (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER SHAWL CEREMONY

ONE: May God’s grace be upon this shawl – Warming, comforting, enfolding
and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven...
A sacred place of security and well-being...
Sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the
recipient of this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love.

**ALL: With this shawl, we the Congregation of West River United send the
message of our prayers of love and support for Bill Butler.**

PRESENTATION OF SELF AND GIFTS TO GOD

♪ ‘What Can I Do?’ – MV 191(*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER(*in unison*)

**ALL: O God, you are the source of every blessing
And in gratitude for bringing peace to our lives
Receive the offerings as signs of our commitment**

To live as your faithful disciples. Amen.

PRAYER TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

HYMN VU 509 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION

ONE: See and believe.

ALL: We go with our eyes newly opened.

ONE: See and believe.

ALL: We go with our doubt transformed by faith.

ONE: See and believe.

ALL: We go with our sorrow replaced by joy.

ONE: Go with God's blessing.

♪ 'Go Out and Serve Him' (*projected*)

Liturgy and Prayers Rev. Austin Jagoe © 2016

Sunday April 10th ,2016 Heavenly Humor Sunday
Rev. Austin will do his telephone conversation with God