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# West River United Church

Rev. Nancy Price

Worship on Sunday, August 14th 2016, 10:00 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

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

♪ 'Come, Let Us Sing'– VU 222 (*projected*)

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: We light this candle to remember that God lights up every moment of our lives. (*light the candle*)

ALL: **May this light remind us to always live our lives as God wants us to do. Amen.**

♪ 'Christ Be Our Light' (*projected*)

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 95*)

ONE: Come. Let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

ALL: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.**

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.**

### OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: **We gather here together in your name. As we worship may we hear your voice speaking. May we respond with our whole hearts. Grant us the grace, we pray, that what we do here together this day may help us to go forth and mirror your love in the way we live our lives. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1 John 3: 18-24** (*New International Version*)

<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our (*../over*)

hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God<sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

**Matthew 25:31-46***(New International Version)*

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' <sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION "So, Just What Are We Supposed to Do?"

HYMN VU600 '**When I Needed A Neighbour**' *(projected)*

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 '**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**' – VU 541 *(projected)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

**ALL: Gracious God, accept, we pray, these gifts we bring from the abundance that you have shared with us. May the use of these gifts work to bring your word to life in your world. Amen.**

PRAYER TIME

INVITATION

ONE: Knowing that God hears us, knows our needs even before we can find the words to name them, let us now come to God in prayer, confident that God will hear us, certain that God will provide all that we need.

PRAYER OF HEALING AND RENEWAL

ONE: Knowing that God's love surrounds and accepts us, let us pray that God may bring us healing and renewal in our lives. (*Moment of silence*)

ONE: God of love, we trust you.

**ALL: God of forgiveness, we ask your healing. We have done those things we ought not to have done, and we have failed to do those things we ought to have done. We have allowed our own concerns to fill our minds and have failed to notice your children in need. Grant, we pray, that from this moment onward we will love you with our whole heart mind and soul so that we show your love to others as you continually show your love to us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: God hears us even before we ask. God's love is constant. We are accepted and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...  
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.**

(.../over)

**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.**

THE NEW CREED

ONE: As we prepare to leave this hour of worship let us join together in The New Creed to remind ourselves of the belief that shapes the life of Christians.

THE NEW CREED

**We are not alone,  
We live in God's world  
We believe in God;  
-who has created and is creating  
-who has come in Jesus,  
-the Word made flesh  
-to reconcile and make new,  
-who works in us and others by the Spirit  
We trust in God  
We are called to be the church  
-to celebrate God's presence  
-to live with respect in creation  
-to love and serve others  
-to seek justice and resist evil  
-to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
-our judge and our hope  
In Life, in Death, in Life Beyond Death  
God is with us  
We are not alone  
Thanks be to God.**

HYMN VU674 '**Fight the Good Fight**' (*projected*)

BLESSING

ONE: Go from this time of worship together.

**ALL: We go strengthened to live as those who believe in Jesus Christ.**

ONE: And as we go, may the blessing of God go with us all. Amen.

 '**Go Now In Peace**' (*projected*)