



West River United Church

... seeking, sharing, celebrating abundant life in Christ



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PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME*

ONE: Let us greet one another with signs of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with each other)

♪ **'Yahweh Be Praised' MV 51** *(projected)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(in unison)*

ALL: **The light of Christ shows us a brighter path to walk.**

So, let us live in the brightness God has given.

(The Christ candle is lit.)

♪ **'Christ Be Our Light'** *(projected)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand, as you are able**

ONE: Give God thanks with your whole heart.

ALL: **We give thanks that God's love endures forever. Praise be to God!**

ONE: Come, let us worship God.

♪ **'Holy, Holy, Holy' – VU 315 vs 1 & 2** *(projected)*

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER* *(in unison)*

ALL: **Holy God, we are glad to be your people.**

We thank you for your presence with us

and we want to tell others of your love.

Help us to learn more about your Son, Jesus Christ.

(.../lover)

Help us to live more like him. Together we say the words that Christ, taught saying,

**ALL: 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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING*

ONE: Let us share our gifts and our offerings to help our church do God's good work here in our town and around the world.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

♪ 'I Saw the Rich Ones' – MV 127 vs 1 and chorus (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER* (*in unison*)

ALL: Increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand our hearts so that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**ALL: God of love and healing, we pray for peace in a world of war, for health in a world of hunger, for harmony in a world of discord. Forgive us when we ignore the needs and cries of those who suffer. We pray in Christ's name.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

ONE: God says to us, "Do not be afraid. You are forgiven. Come, begin again."

ALL: Thanks be to God for a new beginning!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

PSALM 111 VU 833

♪ **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

ONE: I will thank you, God, with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in their assembly.

**ALL: Great are your works, O God,
studied by all who delight in them.**

ONE: Honour and majesty are your work;
your righteousness endures forever.

**ALL: You have won renown for your wonders;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

♪ **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

ONE: You give food to those who fear you;
you keep your covenant always in mind.

**ALL: You have shown your power in action,
giving your people the heritage of nations.**

ONE: The works of your hands are faithful and just;
all your precepts trustworthy.

**ALL: They stand fast forever and ever;
grounded in justice and truth.**

ONE: You sent redemption to your people;

**ALL: you decreed your covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is your name.**

♪ **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

ONE: The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;

**ALL: those who practice it have good understanding.
May your praise endure forever.**

♪ **Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

Mark 1: 21-28 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

HYMN VU 266 'Amazing Grace' (projected)

♪ **'Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands' – MV 173 vs 1&2 (projected)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 626 'I heard the voice of Jesus' (projected)

BENEDICTION*

ONE: May the love of God sustain you as you leave this place.

ALL: We go to share God's love with the world.

ONE: May the teachings of Christ guide you as you share God's wisdom with the world.

ALL: We go to share Christ's teaching with the world.

ONE: May the power of the Spirit sustain you as you continue your journey of faith.

ALL: We go to share the Spirit's power with the world.

♪ 'Halle, Halle, Halle' – VU 958 (*projected*)

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