

# West River United Church

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and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, February 19th, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

West River Mission Statement (please read); "Our mission is to worship God and celebrate our faith by creating a Christian Community and to work and grow together in love, fellowship and service, as we search for a more abundant life in Christ."

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PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEAM INTRODUCTION: FINANCE COMMITTEE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: As we light the Christ Candle (*light candle*) It shines before us to remind us that Christ is a light that guides us in our daily lives, constantly calling on us to ponder the question;

-have you ever turned the other cheek?

-or given your cloak,

-or done the unexpected in response to another person's action?

-what was that like for you and for the other person?

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

CENTERING WORDS (*Lev. 19, 1 Cor. 3*)

ONE: Remembering the message from last week...

-Love is the gift that calls us here

-Love is the gift that can make us whole

-Love is the gift that unites us with Christ and with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Called here to God's Temple, you are the temple of God.

**ALL: We are the temple of love.**

ONE: Called here to worship, you are the people of God.

**ALL: We are the children of God.**

ONE: Called to be love, you are a holy people.

**ALL: We gather in the holiness of God's love.**

(...lover)

ONE: In the love that God has shown us, let us now pray together.

**ALL: Holy God, make us holy with your grace  
and fill us with your love  
gather us together in your spirit  
and teach us your ways  
that we may live your law of love.**

WELCOME

ONE: Gathered together in God's love, let us reach out to one another in  
welcome and kindness and love.

*(welcome one another)*

♪ **'This is the Day' – MV 122** *(projected)*

PATTY PUPPET - Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Back ground:

- do good to those who hate you
- pray for those who abuse you
- turn the other cheek
- not only give your shirt but coat too...

♪ **'River' - MV 3** *(projected)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18** Living the Holy Life *(New International Version)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.'<sup>9</sup> " 'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> " 'Do not steal. " 'Do not lie. " 'Do not deceive one another. <sup>12</sup> " 'Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> " 'Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. " 'Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. <sup>14</sup> " 'Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup> " 'Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. <sup>16</sup> " 'Do not go about spreading slander among your people. " 'Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup> " 'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. <sup>18</sup> " 'Do not seek revenge or (...lover)

bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

**Matthew 5:38-48** Turn the other cheek; give your cloak (*New International Version*)

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’

<sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.<sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION

**HYMN VU 288 ‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’** (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

♪ **‘Grant Us, God, the Grace’ – VU 540** (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

**ALL: By your grace, loving Christ, make these gifts holy;**

**transform each dollar into a sign of love**

**and each coin into the face of hope**

**and each prayerful gift into a blessing of compassion.**

**By your grace, loving Christ, bless this offering as an offering of love.**

HEALING PRAYER (*Prayer of Confession*)

ONE: Holy One, you know we are not perfect,

**ALL: Even as we hear you calling us to be your temple, our minds wander and pull us away.**

**Even as you build us up to be your church, we are torn down by division and disagreement.**

**Even as you set us upon the foundation of Christ Jesus, we falter and find our feet on shifting sand.**

**Establish your law of love in our church and in our lives, that we may be the temple of love you create us to be.**

WORDS OF HEALING (*of assurance*)

ONE: Don't you know you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

You are! The Spirit lives in you!

The Grace of Christ covers us all and creates us anew in forgiveness and love.

♪ **'How Deep the Peace' – MV 95** (*projected*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

**HYMN VU506 'Take My Life and Let It Be'** (*projected*)

BLESSING

ONE: Go now!

**ALL: We go in the perfect love of Christ Jesus.**

ONE: Go now!

**ALL: We go strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit and led by the love of God.**

ONE: Go now!

**ALL: We go now to be the perfect by love through the grace of Christ Jesus, who leads the way.**

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