



# West River United Church

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



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

ONE: As we gather to share worship, let us pause to remember that on Prince Edward Island we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people."

## 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: We come to be renewed in faith and hope.

**ALL: God is our hope and our trust.**

ONE: Let us speak of God's mighty deeds.

**ALL: God is our hope and our trust.**

*(...lover)*

ONE: God is our rock of refuge and our strength in times of trouble.

ALL: **God is our hope and our trust.**

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

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

ALL: **Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One,  
as we gather in worship this day.  
Teach us to be patient and kind in our actions,  
and humble of heart in all of our ways.  
Help us see and know ourselves  
as well as you see and know us,  
that our words may be true  
and our love may be pure.  
Build us into a community that bears all things,  
believes all things, and hopes all things  
in the name of Love, which never ends. Amen  
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: **With faith leading the way, with hope lighting our path,  
and with love leading us home; let us open our hearts as  
we share with the world the wondrous gift of love.**

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: Source of every good gift,  
receive these offerings from our grateful hearts,  
and bless the world with our heartfelt thanks,  
that all might know your amazing gift of love.  
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Loving God,  
we know that we are created in your image,  
but there are times when we push away your presence within us.  
We know that you ask us to love one another,  
but there are times when we think only of ourselves.  
We know that this earth is your beloved creation,  
but there are times when we do not treat it with respect.  
We ask you to help us remember your love.  
We ask you to help us be the people that you created us to be. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE\*

ONE: Rejoice in the good news that we are fully known,  
and that we are loved with a love  
that heals all wounds and breaks down all barriers  
that lie between us.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**PSALM 171: 1-6 VU 789**

♪ **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

ONE: In you, O God, I seek refuge; may I never be disappointed.

**ALL: In your righteousness, save and rescue me;  
incline your ear and deliver me.**

ONE: Be a sheltering rock for me, a fortress where I may find safety;

ALL: **for you are my rock and my stronghold.**

ONE: Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

ALL: **For you are my hope, my trust from my youth; from the time of my birth  
I have leaned on you.**

♫ **A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### **LUKE 4:21-30** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six (...lover)

months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

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

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN VU 333 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (projected)**

#### BENEDICTION\*

ONE: God sends us forth with words of love on our lips.

Christ sends us forth with acts of love in our deeds.

The Spirit sends us forth with the spirit of love  
sustaining our very lives.

Go in the power of God's love

and be ambassadors of Christ's love and peace.

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

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