

West River United Church

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and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Series: Stop This – Start That

1. Stop the Cruise Ship, 2. Start Casting a Clear Vision, 3. Stop saying “BUT”, 4. Start expecting excellence,
5. Stop Committees, 6. Start the Party

Transfiguration Sunday

PRE- SERVICE REFLECTION

As a church we are today where our thoughts have brought us, and we will be tomorrow where our thoughts have taken us.

If negative thinking keeps us enslaved to what was, how will positive thinking transform our church? First off, change is never easy, especially if we don't like change. What gets in the way of positive thinking? We are told it is because of our feelings. We want to change, we want to be positive, but we don't know how to get past our emotions. We are told that there is a way to do it. Think of the following;

Major Premise; I can control my thoughts.

Minor Premise: My feelings come from my thoughts.

Conclusion: I can control my feelings by controlling my thoughts.

Think of it this way; If we are willing to change our thinking, be more positive, we can change our feelings. If we can change our feelings, then we can change our actions. So changing our actions, based on positive thinking, we can change the life of our church family from being negative to being positive. That truth has the power to set us free, as a church, and help is to be whatever we want.

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROACH TO WORSHIP (Transfiguration Sunday)

ONE: There are times when we live under clouds, trudging in the ruts of our own making, unable to see beyond our day-to-day stressful busyness.

ALL: In these days of discouragement, we long for God's Spirit to illuminate our pathway, warm our hearts, and give meaning and joyfulness to our lives.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: (light the Christ Candle) The flame from this candle symbolizes God's light shining in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we worship, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way, and give meaning and joyfulness to our lives.

♪ Christ Be Our Light (*projected*)

WELCOME

ONE: Let us welcome one another as part of the Family of West River United Church.

(welcome one another)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We have come at Jesus' bidding, to witness and to understand.

ALL: We have been called by the transforming God to lives of love and service. We see. We listen. We understand.

ONE: Let our worship reflect the glow we witness, that God's light, shining within us, might be a beacon to a world in so much darkness.

ALL: Let our light shine so that all can see and be led to the God of love and grace. Amen.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

♪ 'Jesus Friend of Little Children' VU340 (*projected*)

♪ 'Jump for Joy' - MV 48 (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 34:29-35 Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain.

(*New International Version*)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what

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he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9:28-35 Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain. *(New International Version)*

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION – Mountain Top Experiences – Have any lately?

HYMN MV 142 ‘Oh a Song Must Rise’ *(projected)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Jesus called us to the mountaintop.

We saw his glow.

We experienced the presence of others.

ALL: In thanksgiving for this and for many transforming times in our lives, we offer our gifts, our resources, and our very selves. May they be used to help transform the world into the beloved community. Amen.

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

ALL: God of Moses, Elijah and Jesus, too often, we just don’t understand, we just don’t get it. Help us really listen to your transfiguring message of radical transformative love, and forgive us when we veil your (...lover)

glory. May our mountaintop experiences strengthen us for work in your world. Help us follow Jesus down from the mountain, and set our feet on your way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: Know that the transfiguring God will cause us to glow with God's love and wrap us in forgiving, loving arms-strengthening us for our work ahead.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

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.

HYMN VU 374 'Come and Find the Quiet Centre' (*projected*)

COMMISSIONING

ONE: We have seen the light.
We have met the Holy One of God.

ALL: We want to stay here.

ONE: We cannot stay here, we must go from this place to live our lives in the light of what we now know.

ALL: May God help us all to be the people of the Light, in all of our days and hours. Amen

♪ "Go Now In Peace" (*projected*)