



# West River United Church

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



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## PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME\*

ONE: As God's beloved children, let us share signs of love with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

*(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: Come to the river of life.

**ALL: Listen for the words of love.**

ONE: Come to the waters of grace.

**ALL: Receive the gift of acceptance.**

ONE: Come to the river of love,

**ALL: for all are welcome here.**

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

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

**ALL: Glorious God, we rejoice in your presence on this holy day. Reveal your**

*(...lover)*

presence to us in word, in fellowship and worship. Speak words of life, that we may sense your Spirit breathing new life into us each and every day. Speak your words of love, that we may rest in the knowledge that we are your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Together we say the words that Christ, taught saying,

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 with God's people, so that all may know they are all beloved children of God.

#### 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: Beloved God bless these gifts with your loving presence. Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world. In your loving Spirit, we pray. Amen

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

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

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Beloved One, when we forget that we are your beloved children, draw us ever closer to you. When we fail to hear your voice of love, whisper your words of reassurance. When we don't reflect the divine image within us, forgive us. Wash over us with your mercy and grace, and bathe us in your abundant love, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: We are all God's children and God loves each of us. God forgives us and sets us free to live boldly and use our gifts wisely.

**ALL: Thanks be to God, For this generous love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**ISAIAH 43:1-7** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the LORD says — he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. <sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended (.../over)

on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

**HYMN MV 161 'I Have Called You by Your Name'** (*projected*)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN VU 660 'How Firm a Foundation'** (*projected*)

BENEDICTION\*

ONE: Go to love one another, for you are beloved.

Go to honour one another, for you are honoured.

Go to share life with one another, for you have been given life.

Go with the power of God, whose Spirit is always with us, always guiding us.

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

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