



# 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: Christ is our light, our way in the dark.

ALL: **Come to the light of Christ.**

ONE: Come and answer Christ's call.

ALL: **Christ leads us forth, to teach, and to heal.**

ONE: Come and worship our God!

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

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: **Jesus Christ, our Saviour, alive and at large in the world; help us to follow and find you today in the places where we work and (.../over)**

**meet people, spend leisure time and make plans. Teach us to see through your eyes, and to hear the questions you ask; by the power of the Cross, and in the freedom of your Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

ONE: 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 our gifts and our service for the good 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: Bless our gifts loving God. As we open our hearts and hands to give some back to You, we ask You to receive it and use it for Your work. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*\*\*

ONE: The call that comes to us to serve God is sometimes in an unexpected form.

**ALL: Have we been alert to the ways and people through which God's call to serve has come?**

ONE: The call to serve comes sometimes at an inconvenient time.

**ALL: Have we missed God's call because we have been busy with other activities?**

ONE: The call to serve God we hear clearly, but its message we fail to understand.

**ALL: Have we checked out God's call with a trusted friend or family member?**

ONE: The call to serve is often a call to venture into new territory.

**ALL: Have we the courage to break free from our self-imposed boundaries in order to serve the local and wider faith community?**

*(time of reflection)*

ONE: Living God

**ALL: with Samuel we reply to your call, speak, your servant is listening.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE\*\*\*

ONE: The word of God continues to be heard.

**ALL: In the sharpening of our listening skills, with fresh insight into your call, with determination to serve faithfully, we answer the call to discipleship.**

ONE: Pardon and peace are yours. Know it: and live it.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1 Samuel 3:1-20** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;<sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

<sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he (.../over)

calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

### **PSALM 36:5-10 VU762**

**♪ Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.**

ONE: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

ALL: **Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
all living things you save.**

**♪ Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.**

ONE: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

ALL: **They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river  
of your delights.**

**♪ Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.**

ONE: For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

ALL: **Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright in heart.**

♪ **Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.**

**John 1:43-51** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

**HYMN VU 567 'Will You Come and Follow Me'** (*projected*)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN VU 651 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova'** (*projected*)

BENEDICTION\*

ONE: Go forth with open ears and eyes, awaiting the ongoing revelation of Jesus. May God strengthen you, guide your steps, and put a new song in your heart. Go in peace. Amen.

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

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