

# West River United Church

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Worship on Sunday, July 26th, 2015

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Lectionary Readings this week

(July 26th)

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

## Lectionary Readings next week

(August 2nd)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

## PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: A Candle's light is sensitive, acting to the slightest movement of the air around it.

ALL: **Loving God, thank you that you pick up every little thought and feeling that we have because you care about us. Help us to be sensitive and kind to others.**

(The Christ Candle is lit)

♪ Christ Be Our Light (*projected*)

### INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S THEME

Rooted and grounded in love, we grow in faith and discipleship.

The roots of love led Jesus to feed 1,000s, miraculously and abundantly. This strong root of love is the foundation that can strengthen any follower of God to grow in spirit and faith.

### WORDS OF GATHERING

Out of love we grow as disciples; we grow in mercy and grace, we grow with love as the foundation and center of our lives. Perhaps the Beatles were right; All we need is love.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, sisters and brothers, rejoice in God's glory.

ALL: **We give praise for God's endless love.**

ONE: Come, sisters and brothers, sing of God's riches.

ALL: **We are blessed with the gift of God's love.**

ONE: Come, sisters and brothers, celebrate the Spirit's calling.

ALL: **We give thanks for the Spirit within.**

(welcome one another)

♪ Rise Up, Rise Up – MV 130 (*projected*)

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Come and dwell in us, Christ Jesus.**

**Plant a seed of love in our hearts and in our lives;**

**that the strong root of love may grow within us.**

**Transform each one of us, transform this church, and  
transform the world, in faith and love, we pray. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**2 Samuel 11:1-15** David and Bathsheba a story of uneven power. (*New International Version*)

<sup>1</sup> In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup>and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." <sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!" <sup>12</sup> Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. <sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

**John 6:1-21** Jesus feeds the multitude and walks on water (*New International Version*)

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (.../over)

(that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Feast was near. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" <sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup> where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. <sup>18</sup> A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

#### MEDITATION

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

#### OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

♪ Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow – VU 541 (*projected*)

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

**ALL: O God, bless these gifts with your love and grace.**

**Transform even our meager offerings and leftovers  
into abundant possibilities.**

**Transform us, that rooted and grounded in love  
we may give all that we have, and all that we are, to serve you  
and our world with a love that knows no bounds. Amen**

#### PRAYER TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Where we failed to live in your way.

**ALL: Living God, forgive us.**

ONE: When we have failed to show your way to others.

**ALL: Loving God, forgive us.**

ONE: When we have seen your way as being too costly.

**ALL: Loving God, forgive us.**

ONE: When we have failed to do the right thing in favour of the easy thing.

**ALL: Loving God, forgive us.**

**(silence)**

*(thanks be to God for restoring us to the fullness of life)*

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 559 'Come, O Fount of Every Blessing' *(projected)*

COMMISSIONING

ONE: May you know the love of Christ.

May you dwell in this glorious gift.

**ALL: From the strong root of love,**

**We go forth to give love to God's world.**

♪ 'May God's Sheltering Wings' – MV 214 *(projected)*