

West River United Church

Rev. Nancy Price

and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, July 9th, 2017

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

ONE: Let us welcome one another with a warm smile and words of peace.
(welcome another)

♪ 'Yahweh Be Praised' – MV 51 (*projected*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: We light this candle as a sign that we know Christ is the light of the world.
ALL: **May the light of this candle shine through all we do here today, and may the light of Christ guide us each hour of our lives. Amen.**

♪ 'Never Ending Joy' MV 40 (*projected*)

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: **On this first day of the week we come to worship you, O God, knowing that our community of faith is on the brink of a new pastoral relationship be with us this day and every day, we pray, that together we are able to do whatever is needed in this place to show your love for all your people. Honoring those who have gone before us, hoping for all who are here now and all who will be here in the future, may this hour of worship encourage and strengthen us to do your will in all we do.**

CHILDREN'S TIME – Norma Hermann

♪ 'This Little Light of Mine' (*repeated*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: Knowing that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we come humbly before you Loving God asking that you will bring us forgiveness and healing from our mistakes.

ALL: **God you know us through and through. You know when we are careless with the needs, hopes, feelings of others. You know when we waste the riches you have given us to use in your beautiful world. You know when we fail. Yet you never cease to love us, to reach to us Forgive us, we pray, for those things we have done which we ought not to have done and for those things we have not done which we ought to have done. In your mercy grant us strength to change where we need change, to listen for your guidance and follow where you lead us. In the name of our savior Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: We know that God hears our prayers, that God answers our prayers, that God never gives up on us. With faith and gratitude let us accept God's love and go forward living that love as God wants us to do.

♪ **'Seek Ye First the Kingdom' – VU 356** (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 63 (*New International Version*)

¹ You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. ⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. ⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ I cling to you; your right hand upholds me. ⁹ Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. ¹⁰ They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. ¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Romans 12: 1, 2, 9-20 (*New International Version*)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – Rick Burger

MEDITATION – Rev. Nancy Price

HYMN VU 510 'We Have This Ministry' (*projected*)

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

♪ **'I Saw the Rich Ones'** – MV 127 vs 1 (*projected*)

OFFERING RECEIVED

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: God, receive our gifts, and transform them by your love into the means to show forth your kingdom in this world. In Christ's name, Amen!

♪ **'When I Needed a Neighbour'** – VU600 (*projected*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 675 'Will Your Anchor Hold' *(projected)*

BENEDICTION

♪ 'You Shall Go Out With Joy' – VU 884 *(projected)*