



# West River United Church

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



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## PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME\*

ONE: Jesus promises to send us the Spirit of love to guide us. May we express God's love in the Spirit, as we share the peace of Christ with one another. (Please share the peace of Christ)

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

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (*in unison*)

ALL: **The Candle of Love and Peace shines forth for all people everywhere.**

♪ 'Christ Be Our Light' (*projected*)

### CALL TO WORSHIP\* (*in unison - please stand as you are able*)

ALL: **O God of wisdom, we hear you calling us from the gates of the city, from the places we go each day: where we live, where we work, where we play. You call us to celebrate and care for creation, to love and serve one another. Fill us with your spirit of understanding, we pray in Jesus' name.**

♪ 'All Who Are Thirsty' – MV 4 (*projected*)

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

ALL: **Creating God, we celebrate your creation. Transforming Christ, we come to be renewed in you. Dancing Spirit, we come to live by your rhythm. May we find time enough to gaze at the heavens, silence enough to wonder at the handiwork of love, and grace enough to find ourselves bound together by your hands. Amen.**  
**Together, we pray as Jesus taught us 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: In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church, filling it with the gifts we need to serve those we meet in Jesus' name. As we present our offering this morning, may God fill us with the gift of generosity so that our love overflows in the example of Christ himself.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

♪ 'What Can I Do' – MV 191 (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Holy One, you have put a song in our hearts and we seek to share it. Receive this offering as an expression of that song, to heal the world and draw all into your love. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

CHILDREN'S TIME

♪ 'It's a Song of Praise to the Maker!' – MV 30 (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: God of love, sometimes we forget. We forget that you made the world and that you ask us to care for it. We forget that you made each one of us and have asked us to love each other. We forget that you are always here with us and we look for distractions to help us feel better. Forgive our forgetfulness, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE\*

ONE: Sometimes we forget how much God loves us. Sometimes we forget that forgiveness is always there for us. May we remember God's love and celebrate this good news! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

**PSALM 8 VU 732** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

♪ 'O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!'

ONE: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**ALL: You have set up a stronghold against your foes,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

♪ 'O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!'

ONE: When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**ALL: what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,  
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

♪ 'O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!'

ONE: You have made us little less than divine,  
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**ALL: You have made us rulers over all your creation,  
and put all things under our feet,**

ONE: all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild

**ALL: the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,  
And all that make their way through the waters.**

♪ **'O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!'**

**JOHN 16:7-15** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Ladies' Choir

SERMON – REV. BARBARA J. CAIRNS

**HYMN MV 150 'Spirit God, Be Our Breath'** (*projected*)

♪ **'Take O Take Me As I Am'** – MV 85 (*projected*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN VU 375 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness'** (*projected*)

BENEDICTION\*

ONE: May the presence of God the Creator give you strength;  
May the presence of God the Lover give you peace;  
May the presence of God the Healer give you comfort. Amen.

♪ **'Go Now In Peace'** (*projected*)

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