



West River United Church

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



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

ONE: As we gather to share worship, let us pause to remember that on Prince Edward Island we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people."

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME*

ONE: Christ's hope is that we may all be one. Let us answer this hope as we share signs of unity in the passing of the peace of Christ.

♪ 'I Can Feel You Near Me God' MV 48 (*projected*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (*in unison*)

ALL: **Christ, the light in the world;**
Christ, the light in our homes;
Christ the light in our hearts;
Christ, the light.

♪ 'Open Our Hearts' MV 21 (*projected*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*please stand as you are able*)

ONE: Gather now in the love of God.

ALL: **We come seeking God.**

ONE: God's light will show you the way and fill you with happiness.

ALL: **We come seeking God.**

ONE: You are God's people.

ALL: **We come seeking God.**

ONE: The spirit of God says, "Come."

ALL: Let everyone who hears gather now.

♪ **'Rejoice the Lord is King' – VU 213 vs 1 & 4** (*projected*)

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

**ALL: God of justice and power, we come to you this day
seeking your love and mercy in our daily lives.**

**Help us in this time of worship
to honour you with our thoughts,
to praise you with our lips,
to pray honestly and fervently for that which we need,
and to promise once again to serve you. 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: Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness, gifts which come from
God. Let us present to God our gifts and offerings with thankfulness.**

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER* (*in unison*)

**ALL: As we offer these gifts, O God, help us to follow in the way of Jesus
with courage and faith. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

♪ 'Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!' – MV 121 vs 1 & 5(*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Holy One, thank you for the gift of life in all its wonder and variety.
We know we haven't always been the people you created us to be.
For our shallowness in loving, forgive us.
For our silences when we should have spoken up, forgive us.
For talking when we should have listened, forgive us.
For our difficulty in forgiving when we know we could easily make
the same mistake, forgive us. For holding on to grudges, forgive us and
free us. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

**ONE: God saves us even from ourselves and forgives us.
God's forgiveness frees us to move on
rather than linger and wallow in the past.**

ALL: Thanks be to the God who loves us into new life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 97 VU 817 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

♪ 'Rejoice, rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.'

**ONE: You reign, O God! Let the earth be glad!
Let the islands and coastland rejoice!**

**ALL: Clouds and thick darkness are round about you;
righteousness and justice the foundation of your throne.**

**ONE: Fire goes before you,
Consuming your enemies on every side.**

**ALL: Your lightnings light up the world;
the earth trembles at the sight.**

**ONE: The mountains melt like wax before you,
Before the Sovereign of all the earth.**

**ALL: The heavens proclaim your righteousness,
and all the people see your glory.**

♪ 'Rejoice, rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.'

ONE: Be ashamed, all you who worship images, who boast of idols;

ALL: bow down before God, all you gods!

ONE: Zion hears, and is glad;

the cities of Judah rejoice, O God, at your judgements.

**ALL: For you are the Most High, above all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

ONE: You, O God, love those who hate evil.

ALL: You preserve the life of your saints.

You deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

ONE: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

ALL: Rejoice in God, righteous people.

Give thanks to God's holy name!

♪ **'Rejoice, rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.'**

JOHN 17:20-26 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – REV. BARBARA WAGNER

HYMN MV 145 'Draw the Circle Wide' (*projected*)

♪ **'And When You Call for Me' – MV 96** (*projected*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 325 'Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION**

ONE: The one who invited us to come now sends us forth
to share the light of the bright morning star with the world.

ALL: We go forth from this place, but we never leave God's presence.

ONE: May the grace of the Lord be with us, as we seek to fulfill Christ's hope
that we may all be one.

**ALL: We go forth, empowered and strengthened, to love and serve as one
people of God.**

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

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