



West River United Church

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



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PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

ONE: The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you.

ALL: Alleluia!

ONE: God's in us and we're in God.

ALL: Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Jesus said "peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." Let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: God of hope and light, mystery of a presence, you enfold us with your peace that comes to touch our inmost heart, bringing us a breath of life. Let your Spirit work in us to bring hope and warmth to this world, through our worship here this day, and our service throughout the week.

♪ **'Christ Be Our Light'** (*projected*)

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

ONE: Sparks fly, winds blow, sounds surround! The Spirit is in the air!

ALL: Amazing things are happening! God's Spirit has been let loose!

ONE: Something astounding is about to change the church. Are you ready?

ALL: We speak the language of love and harmony. We receive the message of unity and grace. We live the way of new beginnings!

ONE: We worship God.

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

PRAYER OF APPROACH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**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: Life finds its fulfillment in not only receiving the blessings of God, but also in sharing those gifts around the world in love and generosity. Let us prepare ourselves to present our tithes and offerings.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: Spirit of truth, in Christ you have spoken to us plainly and clearly, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." You have told us the greatest of those is to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbours as our selves. May these offerings be used to further the hope of your commandments. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 2:1-21 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

JOHN 14: 8-17, 25-27 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the (.../over)

Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – REV. KEITH MACPHERSON

HYMN VU 356 ‘Seek Ye First the Kingdom *(projected)*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 481 ‘Sent Forth by God’s Blessing *(projected)*

BENEDICTION

ONE: May the Spirit of God, into our minutes and days, breathe purpose. May the Spirit of God, into our families and relationships, breathe faithfulness. May the Spirit of God, into our church breathe a new commitment to God’s way.

ALL: Through all, enfolding all, permeating all, may the Spirit of God, strong rushing wind and soft gentle breeze, BREATHE LOVE. Thanks be to God. Amen.

♪ **‘Go Now In Peace’** *(projected)*