



# West River United Church

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



Rev. Barbara J. Cairns  
and all members of West River United Church  
Transfiguration Sunday  
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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: See the light of Christ shining in those around you, as you greet one another with words of Christ's peace and signs of God's love.

*(Please share the peace of Christ with each other)*

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

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

**ALL: The light of Christ shows us a brighter path to walk.  
So, let us live in the brightness God has given.**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

♪ 'Christ Be Our Light' *(projected)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP *please stand, as you are able\**

ONE: This is the day that God has made.

**ALL: God is with us this day and every day.**

ONE: This is the day that God has made.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

♪ 'Holy, Holy, Holy' – VU 315 vs 1 & 2 *(projected)*

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

**ALL: Holy God, shine your face upon us this day.**

**Enfold us in your love,**

**and draw us into the mystery of your presence,**

**as we seek to know you better,**

**as we seek to love one another,**

**and as we seek to learn your way made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Together we pray the words that 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: God has done so much for us: life, love, grace and hope. Let us offer our gifts to help our church do God's work here in our town and around the world. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

♫ 'I Saw the Rich Ones'– MV 127 vs 1 and chorus (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Generous and loving God,**

**teach us to love and trust you more completely.**

**Help us to be generous in our giving**

**and loving in our actions as we share with others what you have shared with us. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - *children and families are invited to come forward*

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God. By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed, and commissioned: we are called God's own, claimed as children of God; we are commissioned by Christ.

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

ONE: On behalf of the congregation of West River United Church, I present Parker Justin Graham, son of Justin Curtis Graham and Natalie Adene Graham nee Boyle, for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism. I also present Kolegan Garth Landry, son of Amos Christopher Landry and Nicolle Edith Landry nee Boyle, for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

ONE: Do you desire to have your children baptized?

**RESPONSE: We do.**

ONE: Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on your child's behalf? Will you endeavour to show him the Christian life and to grow with him in faith?

**RESPONSE: We will.**

ONE: Are you prepared to renew your baptismal faith?

**RESPONSE: We are.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

ONE: Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

**RESPONSE: We do.**

ONE: Desiring freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

**PARENTS: We do.**

ONE: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's church?

**PARENTS: We will.**

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT - *(congregation please stand)*

ONE: Let us pledge our support and care to these families.

**ALL: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**ONE: Let us join in a statement of our faith.**

**A NEW CREED**

**ALL: We are not alone,  
We live in God's world  
We believe in God;  
-who has created and is creating  
-who has come in Jesus,  
-the Word made flesh  
-to reconcile and make new,  
-who works in us and others by the Spirit  
We trust in God  
We are called to be the church  
-to celebrate God's presence  
-to live with respect in creation  
-to love and serve others  
-to seek justice and resist evil  
-to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
-our judge and our hope  
In Life, in Death, in Life Beyond Death  
God is with us  
We are not alone  
Thanks be to God.**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER & POURING OF WATER**

**ONE: God be with you.**

**ALL: And also with you.**

**ONE: Lift up your hearts.**

**ALL: We lift them to God.**

**ONE: Let us give thanks to God.**

**ALL: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE: Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life; and in life, for the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom; and in the waters of the Jordan, your Son Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### ACTION OF BAPTISM

ONE: Parker Justin Graham, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

I mark you with the cross, the sign of Love Incarnate.

ONE: Kolegan Garth Landry, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

I mark you with the cross, the sign of Love Incarnate.

#### DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ Parker Justin Graham and Kolegan Garth Landry have been received into the holy Catholic Church, the body of Christ in the world. We welcome them into our church family.

#### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES, CANDLES & BIBLES

ONE: Receive this light. May your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

ONE: Receive this book, your first book of Holy Scriptures, and hear what the Spirit is saying.

ONE: Parker and Kolegan, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**ALL: You belong to us. We belong to you. We all belong to God.**

BLESSING

ONE: The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you.

**ALL: Amen!**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Test our hearts, O God.**

**Call us to climb your mountain,  
that we might face our fears  
and prove ourselves worthy  
of your holy calling. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE\*\*

ONE: In the light of Christ's glory,  
know that we are made whole  
through the love and grace of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EXODUS 34:29-35** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Luke 9:28-43** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.<sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.<sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said.

<sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"<sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

<sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

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

♪ 'Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands' – MV 173 vs 1&2 (*projected*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN MV 142 'Oh a Song Must Rise' (projected)**

BENEDICTION\*

ONE: The grace of Christ be with you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

♪ 'Halle, Halle, Halle' – VU 958 (*projected*)

*\*Whole People of God, 2019., \*\* The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019., A/C/E 2018  
Year C, Gathering, pg. 52, F. Flook.*