

West River United Church

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Worship on Sunday, March 5th, 2017

Lent 1

West River Mission Statement; "Our mission is to worship God and celebrate our faith by creating a Christian Community and to work and grow together in love, fellowship and service, as we search for a more abundant life in Christ."

Fishing on the other side

The Temptations of Jesus

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (*1st Sunday in Lent*)

ONE: There are many temptations we face in our lives together.

We face the temptation of putting our wants above another's needs.

We face the temptation of ignoring problems such as hunger, poverty, war, and disease, with the false hope they will go away without our intervention.

We face the temptations of wealth and consumerism.

We face many temptations to stray from the path of our faith.

(light candle)

We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ to help us resist the temptations of the world.

♪ 'Be Not Afraid' – *(projected)*

PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: Lord, help us to keep our feet moving,

-our hands outstretched,

-and our hearts open to you.

As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, keep us from temptation and help us do your work in our world. Amen.

TODAY'S THEME

ONE: In the wilderness of life we are not alone

-God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness

On the treacherous path, God's guidance is ours.

(...lover)

-we will walk in God's way of wisdom and truth.

And here,

-we find grace. And here we find love.

-here we will worship and pray.

WELCOME

ONE: Please welcome one another.

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

PATTY PUPPET - Peter, James, and John in a sail boat

♪ **'Walk With Me' - VU 649**(*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 21:1-6 Fished all night and caught nothing -try fishing on the other side....
(*New International Version*)

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptations of Jesus -Jesus fishing on the other side
(*New International Version*)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' " ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (*.../over*)

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – Combined Ladies’ & Men’s Choir

MEDITATION

1. Fishing on the other side

♪ **‘Peter said, “I’m Going Fishing’ vs 1** (*projected*)

2. Jesus Tempted...

-he dared to fish on the other side..

HYMN VU 115 ‘Jesus Tempted In The Desert’ (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

♪ **‘Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary’ – MV 18** (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: Your goodness is all around us, gracious God.

**Thank you for strengthening us, that we may share a bit of your
goodness with the world around us.**

Bless these gifts.

Bless our lives.

Bless us, that we may share your goodness with the world.

PRAYER TIME

HEALING PRAYER

ONE: Jesus said “One does not live by bread alone.”

**ALL: We are unwilling to fast and pray, mistaking dead rocks for the bread of
life.**

ONE: Jesus said; “Worship and serve only the Holy One, your God.”

**ALL: And yet we are unwilling to surrender to God’s will, mistaking worldly
power for the power of divine love.**

ONE: Jesus said; ‘Do not put the Holy One to the test.’”

(...lover)

ALL: Yet we are unwilling to wait in silence, mistaking the sound of our own voice for the voice of God.

ONE: God of power and life, open our hearts to your never-failing love.

ALL: Forgive us when we refuse to place our trust in you.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: The Holy One is generous, pouring out blessings on all who call on God's name.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

♪ 'Don't Be Afraid' – MV 90 (*projected*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN MV135 'Called By Earth & Sky' (*projected*)

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

ONE: Even as we go forth on this journey.

ALL: God goes with us to guide our way.

ONE: Let us go forth with grace and love!

♪ 'Go Now In Peace' (*projected*)