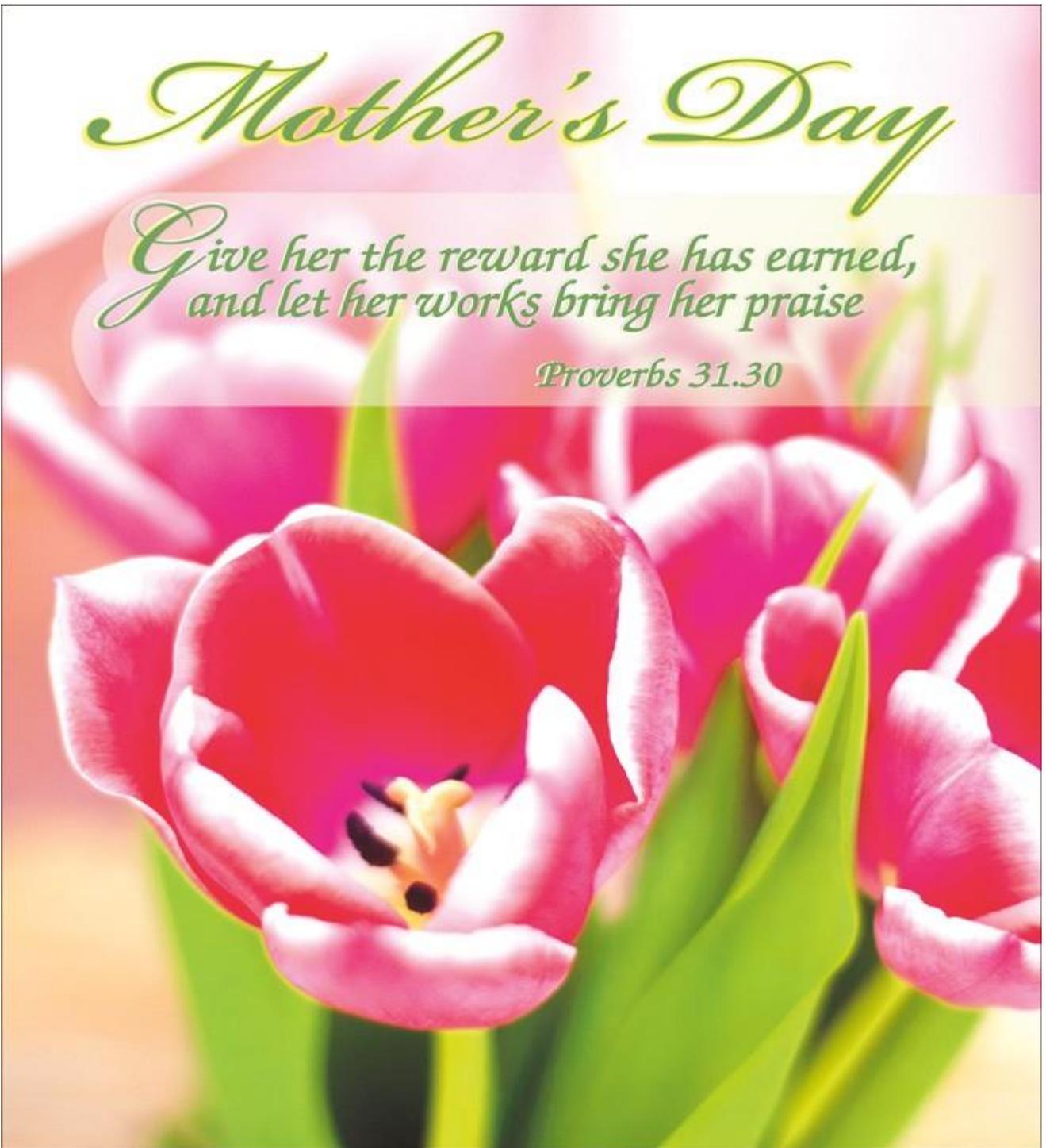


Mother's Day

*Give her the reward she has earned,
and let her works bring her praise*

Proverbs 31.30



West River United Church

Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

and all members of West River United Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME*

ONE: Let our joy be complete as we celebrate our unity with God and with one another. With hearts opened wide, let us share signs of the peace of Christ this day.

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

♪ 'This Is the Day' – MV 122 *(projected)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(in unison)*

ALL: With all that we have, with all that we are, we come to you, God most Holy – knowing that all of it is blessed by your love!

(The Christ candle is lit.)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP- *please stand, as you are able**

ONE: Delighting in God's ways,

ALL: we are like trees planted by streams of water.

ONE: Abiding in Christ's mercy,

ALL: we are like children sheltered against the storm.

ONE: Filled with the Holy Spirit,

ALL: we are one in Christ.

ONE: Come! Let all who draw breath worship the Lord.

♪ 'Spirit Open My Heart' – MV 79 *(projected)*

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

ALL: God our source of light and life, you lead the way to courage, to kindness, to generosity, and to love. You call us to be your people and live in community with one another, always moving us towards your love which makes us whole. Help us to receive your love with open hearts so that we may become attuned to your will and way. We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to praise and to serve you. Together we say the words that Jesus taught us saying,

(...lover)

**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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING*

ONE: Let us show our devotion to God and God's commandments
by offering our love to the world, as we offer our tithes and offerings this
day.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*) **

**ALL: God of enduring hope, love and promise. You make yourself known to
us, filling us with love and life and abundance. May our lives be filled
with welcome and the promise of hope renewed. Fill us with your grace.
Bless these gifts we offer so that they may be used to increase your love,
hope, and promise. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

♪ 'Dance with the Spirit' – MV 156 (*projected*)

AFFIRMATION OF PEACE – VU 683 (*in unison*)

ALL: Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silence of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.

It is right and duty.

♪ **'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' – VU 684 (*projected*)**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE – VU 693 (*in unison*)

ALL: O God of many names, lover of all nations, we pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our nations, in our world. For the peace you willed, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 1

♪ **Blessed are those who follow the law of God.**

ONE: Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

ALL: But their delight is in the law of God, and on that law they meditate day and night.

ONE: They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their fruit in due season.

ALL: Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall prosper.

♪ **Blessed are those who follow the law of God.**

ONE: As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

ALL: but they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.

ONE: Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

ALL: For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

♪ **Blessed are those who follow the law of God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 17: 6-19 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – MEN’S CHOIR

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

HYMN VU 574 ‘Come, Let Us Sing’ (*projected*)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN VU 556 ‘Would You Bless Our Homes and Families’ (*projected*)

BENEDICTION*

ONE: Sent into the world by Christ,

ALL: we are strengthened for the journey.

ONE: Touched by the joy of knowing Christ,

ALL: we go forth to share this joy with the world.

ONE: Made one with God and with one another,

ALL: we go forth to share eternal life in Christ's name.

ONE: Go with God.

♪ **'Go, Make a Difference' MV 209 chorus vs 3 chorus** (*projected*)

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