

West River United Church

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and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, May 14th, 2017

Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day/Cornerstone/Living Stone

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: A constant reminder of Christ's Spirit with us as we worship- and the corner stone of our faith.

LIGHTING OF THE MOTHER'S DAY CANDLE

ONE: In honor of all mothers everywhere;
-and in memory of our mothers who have passed on;
-and to celebrate mothers as the cornerstone of our families...
Mothers deserve our Love on Mother's Day.

♪ 'Alleluia, Praise to God' – MV 59 vs 1 (*projected*)

WELCOME

ONE: On this Mother's Day we welcome one another to this time of worship and praise.

(welcome another)

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

CENTERING WORDS

ONE: Come to Christ the living Cornerstone.

Come to rest on the foundation of God's love.

Come to be strengthened and renewed in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

ONE: Shine your face upon us, O God.

ALL: Help us see your face in one another, and hear your voice in the words that are spoken.

ONE: Through your grace, make us holy.

ALL: That we may offer spiritual sacrifices that honor and glorify your holy name. Amen.

 **'We Are Marching' VU646** (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Our times are in God's hands (*New International Version*)

¹In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ²Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. ⁴Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. ¹⁶Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

1 Peter 2:2-10 A chosen race, a royal priesthood, living stones (*NIV*)

²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION

HYMN VU 660 'How Firm a Foundation' (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTATION OF SELF AND GIFTS TO GOD

♪ **'Grateful' – MV 182** (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: As the people of God, we bring our offerings and gifts, so that others may know the loving foundation we have found in the Cornerstone Jesus.

ALL: **Through these gifts, proclaim your word of grace.**

Shine forth through our offerings and our lives, that others may see your face and know your steadfast love.

In your love and grace, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER TIME

HEALING PRAYER (*Confession*)

ALL: **We do love you, God.**

We long to follow the word of Christ,

yet we confess in this life and loving sanctuary that we do not always do as you would have us do.

We are not always loving, we are not always kind, we are not always generous.

While we group for your Spirit some days, other days we hardly take notice.

Forgive us, Merciful God.

Help us grow into our faith, that we might live lives filled with your peace. Amen!

WORDS OF HEALING

ONE: God does not give as the world gives.

For this we maybe rejoice.

ALL: **Our God offers peace in the face of fear, love in the face of hatred, mercy in the face of wrongdoing.**

May our God of peace, love and mercy be praised!

♪ **'Holy, Holy, Holy' – VU 951** (*projected*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...
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
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN VU559 'Come, O Fount of Every Blessing' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION

ONE: As we have been strengthened,

ALL: we go forth to strengthen others.

ONE: As we have been blessed,

ALL: we go forth to bless the world.

ONE: As we have been loved,

ALL: we go forth to love with compassion and grace.

♪ 'Alleluia, Praise to God' – MV 59 vs 2 & 3 (*projected*)