



West River United Church

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



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and all members of West River United Church

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Bulletins today are in loving memory of my parents Malcolm (1897-1994) and Jessie (1901-1994) Jay on the 25th anniversary of their death.

Always remembered by Gloria Fullerton and family

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

ACTS 16:10-15 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[c] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

ONE: Thus, we gather today, as Paul and Lydia gathered to worship and pray to God in Christ's name 2000 years ago. Now, as people of God, let us pass the peace of Christ among us, as we greet one another.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ONE: God of hope and light, help us to become more Christ-like in our lives,
and let your Spirit help us to bring hope and warmth to this world,
through our worship here this day, and our service throughout the week.

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

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

ONE: The days are surely coming, says our God.

ALL: **When peace and justice will appear.**

ONE: In Christ, God's promises were made known to the world.

ALL: **In worship our thanksgivings and praises are expressed.**

ONE: So, let us lift up our voices.

ALL: **And let us open our hearts and minds to the teachings of Jesus.**

♪ 'Rejoice the Lord is King' – VU 213 vs 1 & 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. Our offering will now be gathered.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

♪ 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' – VU 541 (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: O God of bounty, we thank you for this family of faith, which enriches our lives, and enables us to share with others. We are grateful for the ways that you show us how to lift the burdens of others, and we delight in the resources that you provide us to assist in this task. May our offerings further this ministry in our community, and in the community that is the whole world. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

♪ 'Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!' – MV 121 vs 1 & 5 (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REVELATION 21: 10, 21:22-27, 22:1-5 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will (.../over)

worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵
And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord
God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

JOHN 5:1-9 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²
Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-
zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and
paralyzed. ⁴ ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When
Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said
to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I
have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I
am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him,
"Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he
took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON "RELATIVE OR RELATIONSHIP?" – REV. MARTIN DAWSON

HYMN VU 326 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' (*projected*)

♪ 'And When You Call for Me' – MV 96 (*projected*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 625 'I Feel the Winds of God' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION

ONE: Watch and pray while seeking to serve Christ and may the strength that
the Holy Spirit offers attend us always.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

♪ 'You Shall Go Our with Joy' – VU 884 (*projected*)