



# West River United Church

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



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*Bulletins today are in memory of Ralph (May 11, 1984) and Rose (April 25, 1984) Coffin,  
always remembered by Roy, Jean, Kathie, Nancy and families.*

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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: We are Easter people; let us greet one another in the name of Christ.  
(Please share the peace of Christ)

♪ **'I Can Feel You Near Me God' MV 48** (*projected*)

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

**ALL: The light of Christ shines as a promise of love. For this we give thanks.  
Hallelujah!**

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

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

ONE: Let us sing our praises to God.

**ALL: Thank you, God!**

ONE: The Lord has turned our sorrow and sadness  
into dancing and joy.

**ALL: We will give thanks to you forever, O God.**

**ONE:** We come now to worship the one who transforms fear into resurrection love.

**ALL: We will give our thanks and praise to you forever, O God.**

♪ **'Rejoice the Lord is King' – VU 213 vs 1 & 4 (projected)**

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

**ALL: O God, we gather to give you thanks for all you have done and ask you to be with us in all we do. Open our ears to listen for your voice, calling us. (*cup hands behind your ears*) Open our eyes to see the work you would have us do. (*place your fingers beside your eyes, and then move outward*) Open our lips to make joyful noises of praise. (*place your fingers on your lips and then mime lifting the sound from your mouth out and above you*) Open our hearts to the new possibilities you set before us. (*move your hands from your chest to an open-wide gesture*) Amen.**

**Together, we pray as 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:** Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness, gifts which come from God. Out of the bounty of our lives, let us present to God our gifts and offerings with overflowing thankfulness.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER\*\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: God of grace, you wait patiently for us and receive our offerings with joy. We return to you a small part of all you have given to us so that the good news of your love may be spread to all people. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\* (*in unison*)

**ALL: Life-giving God, you meet us in our ordinary, everyday lives and invite us to follow you. Sometimes, though, we don't respond. Sometimes we get caught up in patterns and routines. Sometimes we forget to listen for your voice. Sometimes we don't feel your hand on our shoulder, urging us in your direction. Sometimes we don't see what you are trying to show us. Sometimes we work so hard to get things done that we miss what you want us to be doing! Call us back to you, O God. Call louder! Shake us up a bit, for it is with you that we find value and meaning and new life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE\*\*

**ONE:** When God raised Jesus from death to new life, God was showing us that we always have new chances. God loves us and calls over and over again, inviting us to new life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**ACTS 9:1-8** (*New Revised Standard Version*)

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed (.../over)

around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

## **Psalm 100 (VU 824 refrain 2)**

♪ **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

ONE: Shout to God, all the earth:

ALL: **worship with gladness and joy.**

ONE: Come before God with laughter,

ALL: **our maker to whom we belong.**

ONE: To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

ALL: **let us raise our voices in song.**

♪ **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

ONE: Come to God's gates with thanks;

ALL: **come to God's courts with praise.**

ONE: Praise and bless God's name.

ALL: **"Truly you are good:**

ONE: you are always gracious,

ALL: **and faithful age after age."**

♪ **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

## **JOHN 21:1-19** *(New Revised Standard Version)*

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. (.../over)

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

**HYMN VU 563 'Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore'** (*projected*)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HYMN MV 171 'Christ Has No Body Now But Yours' (*projected*)**

BENEDICTION\*

ONE: We have had our minds opened.  
We have had our hearts touched.  
Let us go forth strengthened,  
as we claim our identity as beloved children of God.  
And may God's promised peace be with us all. Amen.

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

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\*\*Gathering, L/E2019 pg. 47, F. Flook.*