



West River United Church

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



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Reign of Christ Sunday

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PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(in unison)*

ALL: We give thanks for the light of Christ. And we ask that as we are one, in this circle of light that we may be one with You, Holy One, in the circle of Your loving presence. Amen.

(The Christ candle is lit.)

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

WELCOME

ONE: Come, let us welcome on another, as God welcomes us.

(Please share the peace of Christ with each other)

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

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

ONE: Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

ALL: We come with our hopes, our dreams.

ONE: We meet God here in this place, the God of our past, present, and future.

ALL: We come with our hopes, our dreams.

♪ **'All Creatures of Our God and King' – VU 217 vs 1** *(projected)*

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *

ONE: God's reign is coming!

ALL: God's reign is here!

ONE: We live in God's reign,

ALL: guided by Christ,

(...lover)

ONE: who lives in our hearts,

ALL: who lives in our lives,

ONE: filled by the Spirit,

ALL: serving in love,

ONE: celebrating life,

ALL: worshipping God!

ONE: Together we pray as Christ taught us saying

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: Friends, through our offering we are now offered the privilege of sharing in God's ministry. Let our hearts and spirits overflow with generosity as we give, for the ministries of our benevolent and outreach programs.

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*in unison*)

ALL: Gracious and loving God you are indeed the beginning and end of all things. May these gift that we share be a part of your abundant vision for all creation. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

VIDEO MESSAGE – “THANKSGIVING”

MINUTE FOR MISSION – BEDFORD MACDONALD HOUSE (KATHY MIJATOVICH)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *** (*in unison*)

ALL: Mighty God, when we confuse Your rule in our lives with our personal power, forgive us. Guide us on paths of humility, remembering that your kingdom is not of this world. Guide us on paths of righteousness, partnering with you to bring your kingdom to this world. Guide us on paths of thanksgiving, recognizing that your gifts and blessing enable us to walk in your ways, partner with you in creation, and love as you taught us to love. In trust of your grace and your love, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***

ONE: Christ who is both Alpha and Omega, mercy and grace, power and might, loves us and frees us from our sin, making us a kingdom of compassion and love to bring mercy and grace to this world.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REVELATION 1:4-8 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

JOHN 1:33-37 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have
(.../over)

you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

MUSIC MINISTRY – MEN'S CHOIR

MESSAGE – Rev. Barbara J. Cairns

HYMN VU 356 'Seek Ye First' (*projected*)

♪ 'Deep in Our Hearts' – MV 154 vs 1&2 (*projected*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU 330 'Jesus Shall Reign' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION

ONE: Go forth in peace.
Go forth to love.
Go forth to serve.

♪ 'Go Out & Serve Him' (*projected*)

Whole People of God, ** R. Bott, Gathering, 2018 pg. 49, *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2018.*