

West River United Church

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and all members of West River United Church

Worship on Sunday, October 4th, 2015

Worldwide Communion

“ Come For The Meal Is Ready!”

Bulletins today are in loving memory of Hector Scott, always remembered, always cherished by Ethel Scott and family.

PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**ALL: As we now bring fire to this candle wick,
may it glow with light,
may we also bring the fire of love
to this time of prayer and worship,
may this candle send forth dancing rays
like sunrise on the most glorious morning.
And may these rays of light
encircle us and those we love.
Amen**

(The Christ Candle is lit)

♪ Holy One, O Holy One vs. 1- MV 35 (*projected*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come!

ALL: Let us celebrate at the table of Jesus Christ.

ONE: Come quickly!

**ALL: Let us bring abundant wine and bread to the table.
Nobody will stay hungry.**

(bring the bread and wine to the table....)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S THEME – World Wide

ONE: World Communion Sunday calls us to celebrate and live out our oneness in Christ, and in his mission that all peoples “may have life and have it abundantly.”

PRAYER OF APPROACH

ALL: God, you nourish us for our faith journey.

As we gather at Your Table here, your people in West River United Church, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada, and throughout the world offer praise and thanksgiving to you as bread and wine are shared.

May the mystery of your presence experienced here in our worship, bind us together as your worldwide community. Amen.

One: Let us welcome one another to worship this morning.

(welcome one another)

🎵 There is Room for All– MV 62 (*repeat/projected*)

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES – Liz Farrar –

🎵 ‘This Is God’s Wondrous World’ - VU296 vs 1 (*projected*)

🎵 ‘It’s a song of praise to the Maker’ – MV 30 (*projected*)
(*Children leave for Sunday School*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 2:21-27 Do not fear, O soil, for God will provide (*New International Version*)

²¹ Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things. ²² Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. ²³ Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten-- the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm-- my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Matthew 6:25-33 Do not worry about what you will eat or drink. (*New International Version*)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MEDITATION

HYMN VU 639 'One More Step' (*projected*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION

 'I Saw the Rich Ones' – MV 127 vs 1 & chorus (*projected*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: God, receive these monetary sacrifices and make us mindful of other sacrifices that we are called to make to further your work in this community and the world. Amen.

 'Take O Take Me As I Am' – MV 85 (*repeat/projected*)

INVITATION – "Come, for the meal is ready!"

ONE: Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.

As we gather this morning we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. (*...lover*)

As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family.

All are invited and all are welcome.

Come, for the meal is ready.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

ONE: To God be the glory; great things God has done!

To prepare ourselves to partake of this Special Meal, let us pray.

Healing God we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace.

ALL: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

ONE: God of justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness;

ALL: God we yearn for the justice you promise.

ONE: God of peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart.

ALL: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

ONE: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to the communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

ALL: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ,, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ONE: On the night before he was taken to his death, Jesus gathered with his followers. He took bread, gave thanks to you, God of all creation, and offered it to those gathered at the table saying,

Take this and eat,

This is my body, given for you,

Each time you eat it, remember me.

After the meal was over, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all love, he offered it to those gathered at the table saying,

Take this and drink

This is my promise, in my life's blood, given for you.

Each time you drink it, remember me.

ALL: So we eat, we drink, and we remember.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

ONE: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

ALL: **Bless this bread, we pray.**

ONE: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inner-connectedness of people around the world.

ALL: **Bless this cup, we pray. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(we will hold the bread until all have been served, and we will partake together....a display of unity and togetherness)

Bread: The bread of life, shared with you.

(the cup you may partake when ready...between you and God)

Cup: The cup of the New Covenant, shared with you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer.

ALL: **Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen.**

HYMN VU 467 'One Bread, One Body' (*projected*)

COMMISSIONING

ALL: **In the power of the Holy Spirit,
We go forth into the world
To follow our calling as the people of God
And as the Body of Christ.**

♪ 'Holy One, O Holy One' – MV 35 vs. 5 (*projected*)