

**PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COVENANTING**

For

**The Reverend Barbara Cairns, West River Pastoral Charge,
And Prince Edward Island Presbytery**

Sunday September 10, 2017 3:00pm

West River United Church

Presider: Rev Tara Ann Gourson, Chair of PEI Presbytery

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(indicates standing if comfortable)*

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Introductions: (Cheryl Jewell)

Passing of the Peace: MV62 'There is Room for All' (*projected*) (Presider)

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Words of Acknowledgement (*unison*) (Presider)

All: As we gather to 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 territories of the Mi'kmaq people. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Welcoming Praise – 'Christ Be Our Light' (*projected*)

***Call to Worship:** (Presider)

One: Come! Sing! Celebrate!

All: We are here to experience good news.

This is God's house and we can meet God here.

We gather as the Family of God.

One: Come, filled with anticipation and expectation.

Come prepared for worship. Come to discover life.

All: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus,

We come to be encouraged in our ministry.

***Hymn: #402 'We Are One'** (*projected*)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) (Presider)

All: God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us. Together we pray saying the words that Jesus taught us saying, Our Father,

Presentation of Rev Barbara Cairns on behalf of the West River Pastoral Charge

Presider: We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate a new ministry and to covenant together for the service of God in this place.

Presenter: (Kevin Rogers) We present the Rev. Barbara Cairns who has been called to a ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the West River Pastoral Charge. We believe she is qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Presider: Barbara, you are here in response to the call of the West River Pastoral Charge and by the action of Prince Edward Island Presbytery and Maritime Conference. We come together to mark a new relationship among you, the presbytery and the pastoral charge.

May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and grace to perform them.

Reading of the Warrant to Covenant: Rev. Jack Spencer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: (Reader: Garth MacPhee)

1 Peter 3:8

8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

Romans 12: 4-5

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Mark 9: 36-37

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

(Garth will announce the hymn)

***Hymn:** MV 145 'Draw the Circle Wide' (*projected*)

Sermon Rev. David Campbell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A Renewal of Baptismal Faith "*A Song of Faith*" (*unison*): (Presider)

All: We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place. Our ancestors in faith bequeath to us experiences of their faithful living; upon their lives our lives are built. Our living of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign, even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth. The church has not always lived up to its vision. It requires the Spirit to reorient it, helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition, challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement, for we are called to be a blessing to the earth. We sing of God's good news lived out – a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation's mending. We sing of God's mission.

Statement of this New Ministry

Presider: Barbara, you are about to undertake a ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care in this place. You, the members of this pastoral charge, are called to join Barbara in worship, study, prayer and action. We, the presbytery, will be responsible for oversight of this ministry. Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this night.

Gracious God, by our baptism you have called us to Christ's ministry; pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together in Christ's name. Amen.

Promises of the New Minister:

Presider: Barbara, do you, in the presence of this Congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister: I do.

Presider: Will you accept the discipline of the presbytery, and together With its members, be responsible for the oversight of the church's life?

New Minister: I will.

Presider: Will you accept the support and encouragement of this pastoral charge and this presbytery?

New Minister: I will.

Promises of the Pastoral Charge (*People of the pastoral charge stand*)

Presider: Will you, the people of the West River Pastoral Charge, join with the Rev. Barbara Cairns in a ministry of worship, study, prayer, and action within this pastoral charge and the world?

Response: We will.

Presider: Will you support her as she serves among you in this ministry?

Response: We will.

Promises of the Presbytery (*Presbytery representatives' stand*)

Presider: Will you, as presbytery representatives, promise on behalf of the members of Prince Edward Island Presbytery, to join with the Rev. Barbara Cairns and the West River Pastoral Charge in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Response: We will.

Presider: Will you exercise oversight for their work and witness, support and encourage them in this ministry?

Response: We will.

Presentation of Symbols (*As each is presented the people say "Amen!"*)

Bible: (Barry MacPhee) Take this Bible. Be among us as one who teaches and proclaims the word. **Amen!**

Water: (Serita Newman and Chase MacMillan) Take this water. Be among us as one who baptizes in the name of Christ. **Amen!**

Water, Towel, & Basin: (Martina, Selina & Stella Kalusy) Take this water, towel, and basin. Be among us as one who serves. **Amen!**

Bread & Wine: (Janice McAlduff and Lauren MacAulay) Take these symbols of God's grace. Be among us as one who cares for those who hunger and thirst, as you break the bread and bless the cup. **Amen!**

Story Bag: (Andrea, Meghan and Katelyn Rogers) Take this story bag. Be among us as one who shares sacred stories that help to share and form our lives. **Amen!**

Drum: (Norma Hermann) Take this drum a symbol of the heartbeat of God that throbs through our service. Be among us as one who keeps us grounded in love. **Amen!**

Salt & Light: (June Godfrey and Maria Chisholm) Take these symbols of light and flavour, representing the gifts of this congregation so generously shared. Be among us as one who treasures and respects the gifts of all. **Amen!**

Rainbow Balloons: (Rev Tara Ann Gourson) The colours of these balloons represent the variety and diversity of God's creation. The balloons represent the joy of the Spirit moving and dancing amongst us. Take these rainbow balloons and be among us as one who celebrates diversity, welcomes the dancing Spirit, and dares to live with joy. **Amen!**

Presider: Rev. Barbara Cairns and West River Pastoral Charge, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours and yours in this place. **Amen!**

New Minister's Prayer (Rev Barbara J Cairns)

Response to the Covenant (Presider)

Presider: Let us rejoice in this covenant we have made.

(People may express their joy with applause)

Celebrative Hymn: #820 'Make a Joyful Noise' *(projected)*

Invitation to the Offering (Presider)

(Tonight's offering is received by Presbytery in Support of Mission and Service. Please address cheques to Prince Edward Island Presbytery)

***Offertory Response: MV 192 'What Can I Do?'** *(projected)*

***Offertory Prayer** *(Unison)*

We offer our gifts and tithes so that God's mission of love, justice, hope, and peace may be strengthened here in our community, in our region, in our land, and throughout the world. May these gifts be evidence of God's blessing.

Prayers of the People (Larry Hale)

GOING FORTH TO SERVE (Presider)

***Hymn: MV 30 'It's a Song of Praise to the Maker'** *(projected)*

BENEDICTION *** (Presider)

One: May the God who moves with us,
the Christ who continues to call,
and the Spirit who gives breath to our spirits bless you all this day and
always.

Announcements (Presider)

Thank you to all those who participated in today's service, your contribution is appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship in the hall.

*****. B. Johnston, Gathering, 2017 pg. 40.**