



Date: May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Theme: The Mission Jesus Left Us

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon
Musician: Linda Kneeland
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Thank you to the Stettler** United Church for providing the Avabelli Dance Troupe space for Shimmymob Team practice. We appreciate you very much. Also thank you for everyone who donated and came to see us Dance. It's very important that Stettler Society For The Prevention of Family Violence has a voice. We Dance to give the silent a voice. As always thank you in gratitude, Gayle Tennant.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

This day, like every day, has been created and given to us by God.

Whatever our circumstances are, we trust that God is with us, so we will pause and give thanks for this day.

Let us worship God.

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Light the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder of God's presence in this holy, sacred moment.

God is with us in our joy and in our sorrows. God's love always shines brightly—we need only set our gaze upon it.

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***Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns VU#211**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Comforting God, on this new day, you come proclaiming new life in the midst of our distress and despair.

We come with our convictions and our doubts, confessing our faith.

Where we have uncertainty, you stay by our side, reassuring us with your steadfast love.

Where we hold back with fear, you move ahead of us, leading us into life and purpose.

When we cannot move, brought to our knees with shame or sorrow, you offer your hope and help us continue on.

Embrace us now with your redeeming love, and carry us forward into a life renewed. Amen.

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***Hymn God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie MV#53**

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Prayer of Illumination

Dear God, at this moment, we listen to your Word.

Lead us to focus on the Scripture readings and to discover the truth, the way, and the life revealed in the Bible. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland

Acts 1:6–14: The ascension of Jesus.

John 17:1–11: Jesus prays that his disciples “all may be one.”

**Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)
(being seated)**

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *All Beautiful the March of Days* VU#530**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
VU#541**

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Offering Prayer

O God, we bring these offerings to you for the betterment of your Creation.

We give these in hope for compassion where it is needed, where healing is called for, and where righteousness may be obtained. Amen.

Jim McKean, while at Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 47. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* VU#567**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude