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You are... Wanted... Valued... Included... Affirmed

Sunday, May 17th, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Easter 7 – Ascension Sunday

Bold indicates participation by the people **VU** = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship
 Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hadih, Bundada hoonzoo, welcome in the name of The Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

All: We are here, and we honour the ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

One: We are grateful and we honour the millennia of stewardship, care, and relationship that the Lheidli T'enneh have with their key'oh. We are in relationship with them, with their sovereignty, with the land, and with the legacy of uninvited settlers.

All: We gather this morning in celebration, proclaiming the Risen Christ and the promise of healing that the resurrection brings

One: We proclaim publicly, intentionally and explicitly that every human being is cherished as a vibrant part of the Body of Christ on earth.

All: Be present with God and with one another here

One: Bless our community this morning, O God, with your breath, your presence, and your love.

LIFE & MINISTRY

GATHERING PRAYER

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – Lheidli Dakelh

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh
 And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

† HYMN: *Come All You People (Uyai Mose)*

MV#2

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Creator, parent of the human family,

Many: we gather to worship you.

One: In our living breath, we are called beloved children of God

Many: and we gather to worship you.

One: Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

Many: we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from your story/our story, in thoughts and reflections.

One: Let us rejoice and worship knowing that God is abundance; knowing that the Body of Christ thrives when all people are held sacred;

Many: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to one another, just as we belong to God

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)

God's love and grace is all around us; it is within us, entwining our spirits together in sacred community where each person is affirmed just as they are. We sing of the infinitely-faceted diversity of creation as the true image of God. Grateful, we sing of God the Spirit, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart. God's grace is meant for us, freely given. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Amen

† HYMN: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

MV#30

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectio@Home: Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 69:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Focus Reading: *Lectio Divina Acts 1: 6-14*

HOLY QUIET

ANTHEM: *Celebrate and Sing with Praise*
Trumpet – Diane Kjørven

Reader 2: *First Nations Version*

HOLY QUIET

Reader 3: *The Message*

HOLY QUIET

WA: Hear what The Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: *In You There is a Refuge* **MV#84**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

God of abundance and creativity, receive our offerings as they are held up to you now: offered in hope, and in hope against hope, offered from pockets half-empty and overflowing, offered from lives busy and sparse. We offer these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to midwife your loving vision of the world into being. We bring whole selves that we may share in the co-creation of your kin-dom. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, and multiply them for the crafting of an affirming world.

Amen.

† HYMN: *Grateful* **MV#182**

† **COMMISSIONING & BLESSING**

† HYMN: *May God's Sheltering Wings* **MV#214**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Kathleen Rowlands; Worship Assistant – Elizabeth MacRitchie; Readers – Clair and Ruth Meger; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Trumpet Player – Diane Kjørven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*

