

Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday - May 17, 2015

*rise in body or spirit



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Gathering

Musical Prelude

Welcome; Announcements; Celebrations; Candlelighting

***Introit** MV 2 Uyai Mose: Come All You People

***Call to Worship**

God of eternal life and truth,

We gather in this holy place to worship you.

We seek the joy of following your way!

We listen for your Word, sing songs of praise
and ask you to hear our prayers.

We seek the joy of following your way!

We try to hear and obey your commandments
and the ways you want us to live.

We seek the joy of following your way!

We are like trees rooted in good soil and bearing good fruit.

We seek the joy of following your way!

You guide us and protect us all the days of our lives.

We seek the joy of following your way!

Thanks be to you, God. Alleluia!

***Hymn** VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession

There are times, gracious God, when we are steadfast and
firm in our faith, like trees
planted by streams of water (*pause in silence*).

There are times when we bend with the winds of popularity

and whim, giving in to whatever attracts us,
caring little for your way (*pause in silence*).
There are times when we pay little attention to the needs and
concerns of your world (*pause in silence*).
and care only about ourselves (*pause in silence*).
Forgive us (*pause in silence*).
Renew us with the refreshing winds of your spirit
(*pause in silence*).
Make us new.
Strengthen us to grow into your likeness, to bear good fruit,
to be pleasing to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The good news is this:
God is not one who remembers wrong
and forgets the good.
Just the opposite:
God remembers goodness and forgets the wrong.
This is grace. This is mercy. This is God.
Give thanks.

Listening

Learning With Children

Song VU 579 The Church is Wherever God's People

Christian Scripture:	Acts 1: 1-11
Responsive Reading:	Psalm 93 <i>page 813 VU</i>
Epistle Reading:	Ephesians 1: 15-23
Gospel Reading:	Luke 24: 44-53

Reflection

Starting the Descent?

Responding

***Hymn** MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Minute for Mission – Thank You to Our Ministers

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *Doxology VU 542*

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** VU 481 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

***Commissioning and Benediction**

What we say reveals what we think is important.

What we do shows others how we live our faith.

In our lives may we share acts of kindness,

and live our beliefs through signs of faith made real.

Let us go forth to live our faith in this world.

***Choral Response** VU 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us