

St. John's United Church
May 24th, 2020
7th of Easter
Rev. Stephen Sparks

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HYMN SING

**GREETINGS, WELCOMING NEWCOMERS,
ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS AND
CELEBRATIONS**

MINUTES FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: They were still staring into the sky as he went when suddenly two men in white were standing beside them.

Many: They said, “Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven.”

PRAYER OF APPROACH

In his final hours, Jesus prayed for those who would follow him saying, “All mine are yours, and yours are mine; I have been glorified in them.” May the heart of Jesus beat on in us, the beloved community of witnesses.
Amen

HYMN # 395 Come in, Come in and Sit Down

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to continue with your weekly offerings, they can be mailed in, send an E-Transfer (please include envelope number) or if you would like to sign up for PAR please call Stacy Mericer 780-826-2859

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This Week: May 24th 2020

Greeter: Bob & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Michaela Emery

Fellowship Doris Ulanicki & Rita Goodheart

Next Week: May 31st 2020

Greeter: Shirley Highberg & Sophie Harasimiuk

Scripture: Bim Bowers

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Loza

Communion: Patti Skuba, Sharon Herbert & Bim Bowers

BENEDICTION

One: Holy and eternal God,
out of the storms of the world
we came into this quiet place to worship you
our abiding Refuge.

**Many: Thanks be unto you for silence which unfolds
strength and for tranquility leading us to things
deep and true.**

One: Meet with us here in the inner place of our spirits
and refresh us with your living presence.

**All: In the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL # 164 vs. 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the
round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness
blend, for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.**

THE PASSING OF PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in the love of God.

CHILDREN'S STORY**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God of glory, to you we give all praise, for your grace
has surrounded us from before the beginning, and by your
grace we know that we are yours. Yet all too often, we think
that we alone belong to you, that we alone are your beloved,
that we alone know the way to you. Too often, we exclude
from grace those who seem different from us, those who use
different words to speak of you or live their discipleship
differently from us.

**All: Forgive us, when we want Jesus' prayer to be just for
us. Forgive us, when we look for you in the heavens and
refuse to see you on earth. Forgive us, when we dim your
glory by putting limits on your love. Forgive us, when we
do not glorify you by loving you in all that you have
created.**

One: God of all, help us to feel the tenderness of your love,
your hope for intimacy with us in our daily lives. Help us to
live in the holy love of you, poured out in grace and mercy
upon one another and all of creation. Amen

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(Please stand)

All: Almighty God, do not remain silent. Do not be unmoved or unresponsive to our needs: hear our prayer and answer it.

One: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER RESPONSE # 949 Grant to us, O God X2
Grant to us, O God, a heart renewed;
speak to us afresh your forgiving word.**

PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life:
We give You thanks for Your grace and mercy by which
the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us.
Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE # 717 Hallelujah
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

HYMN # 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm # 68 Pg. 787

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen**

HYMN # 144 (M.V.) Like a Healing Stream

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER # 959

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN # 248

**To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise, to you, Song
Incarnate, we give all our praise, to you, Holy Spirit, our
life and our breath, be glory for ever, through life and
through death.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:6-14 Pg. 148

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Pg. 297-298

John 17:1-11 Pg. 140

SERMON

HYMN # 213 Rejoice, the Lord is King

