

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## **Approach**

Gathering Hymn VU #340 – "Jesus, Friend of Little Children"

Call to Worship

One: Welcome everyone! Let us prepare to worship God on this

Ascension Sunday.

All: We ask that you stretch our imaginations to sense the

majesty and mystery of GOD.

One: With Jesus at God's side in heaven, just think what our prayers

can do.

All: We are full of joy and hope to worship and serve the God of

love.

\* Hymn VU #406 – "See the Morning Sun Ascending"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Keep us focussed on the ministries that you would have us do. You have called us to be the church, to live out our faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. Yet, we remain static in our response to you. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. These things we pray to Jesus. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Celebration of Baptism (see insert)

Hymn VU #189 – "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

## The Word

Scripture Reading – Acts 1: 6-10a

Luke 24: 45-52

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **THANKS BE TO GOD!** 

Meditation – "Astute witnesses remember the details."

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "Come, People of the Risen King"

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Gwen Polak

\* Offering / Response (MV #191)

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

- \* Hymn VU #420 "Go to the World"
- \* Benediction

Quartet - "The Irish Blessing"

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Melissa Horbas, Liturgist

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Jessica Steidl, Joyful Noise Director
Gina Grant, Custodian
Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Ruth Klein and Jan Carmichael

Greeters: Edna Cechvala and Joyce Muir