

Worship Liturgy for Sunday May 24, 2020
Ascension Sunday

Acknowledgement of the Land:

“We respectfully acknowledge that Emmanuel United Church is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

The congregation of Emmanuel United Church respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.” (Land Acknowledgement Written by Chief Phyllis Williams of Curve Lake First Nation)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle to remind us that the Light of Christ cannot be overcome by the darkness. Let our hearts trust in the Living One who could not be imprisoned by death. Jesus, the Light of truth, justice, love and hope.

Prelude: Moment of Reflection

**Invitation to Gather in Christ's Name*

L: Let us clap our hands in joy and praise,

A: as we praise the Living One.

L: Let our songs of praise reach the heights of the heavens,

A: proclaiming that the One put to death is now risen and alive.

L: We come singing hymns of joy, speaking words of praise and celebrating in the Living One.

A: Let everything that has breath and presence in creation give thanksgiving.

L: Our joy springs up from the One who could not be held by the bonds of death.

A: Let us come and worship Jesus, the Living One.

Hymn 173 VU Thine Is The Glory

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

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. Draw our attention from the vision

of the Lord rising to the heavens, keeping us focused on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all of our days, in Jesus' name we pray, (Our Father and Mother who ...) (By Nancy C. Townley)

Preparation for Proclamation

Hymn 391 VU God Reveal Your Presence

Scripture Lesson:

Scripture Reader: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 11b-27 & 51-57

Duet: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Reflection: "The Stuff, From Which Mystery Is Created"

Sharing our Blessings

Offering:

**Hymn of Presentation:* VU 538 "For the Gift of Creation"

**Prayer of Dedication:*

Prayers of The People

***Hymn: 633 VU Bless Now, O God Our Journey**

**Sending Forth*

Postlude

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