



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1ST , 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand at marked places**

Musical Prelude

Announcements

***Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

One: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: Our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all the nations.

One: For God has ascended with shouts of triumph, and trumpet fanfare!

All: He is Lord of our lives. Let us worship together.

***Hymn: VU 161 – *Welcome, Happy Morning* (on-screen)**

OPENING PRAYER

(In unison)

O Lord, heavenly God, in Whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive Your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand Your truth. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

***Hymn: VU 715 – *Come, We That Love* (on-screen)**

Proclamation: Rising Up

Rev. Scott Brown

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering – Out of Such Cloud and Wind

Robert Woodbury, Soloist

***Offering Dedication: Give Thanks**

COMMUNION

Hymn VU 482 – *I Come with Joy (on-screen)

The Prayers (responsive)

One: Loving God, we pray this day for patience and wisdom. In these troubled, anxious times, with so much happening, calm our souls with your peace that we may see your vision clearly.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those who are battling forest fires in all areas of Canada. We are especially mindful of the evacuees of Swan Hills and Candle Lake in Saskatchewan. Be with those on the front lines and the communities who are offering support.

All: Loving God, hear our prayers.

One: We pray also for those who are newly elected and those and those who will be running in our by-elections here in Alberta. Give them strength and courage to lead us in the paths that we should go.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

One: Supply whatever you see we need in this day and week to come. We pray now for those who rest most upon our hearts. And now we close these prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us to say:

The Lord's Prayer (on-screen)

Closing Hymn: VU 567 – *The Summons (on-screen)

(Will You Come and Follow Me)

Commissioning

May we all have the humble attitude of true servants of God. Deepen us all in the experience of your grace. Make us more aware of the future direction you have for the church, and especially within the world beyond this church. May we all be more aware of the gifts you have given each of us. Amen.

Benediction

May God our creator bless and keep us; May Jesus our redeemer bless and keep us and the Holy Spirit; our strength and sanctifier bless and keep us now and forever more. **Amen.**

Musical Postlude

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Guest Presider

Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound

Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation

Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design