

Our Response

Reflection

Hymn *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* insert VU 213

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Sent Fort

Closing Hymn *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* insert VU 291

Commissioning *(please remain standing, if comfortable)*

**All: God the Sender, send us.
God the Sent, come with us.
God the Strengtheners of those who go,
empower us,
-that we may go with you and find those who call you
God, Christ, Spirit.**

Congregational Response (verses 1, 3) VU 229

**“God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
how does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say Praise?”**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
how does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say Thanks?”**

The Benediction **“We go in peace, blessed by the Resurrecting God,
Creator, Liberator and Sustainer.”**

Three-Fold Amen

Steveston United Church
Sunday May 24, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brenda Miller - (church) 604-277-0508

Ascension Sunday



We Gather As God’s People

Call to Worship

One: What are you doing here?

All: We are looking for Jesus.

One: What are you doing here?

All: We have questions to ask.

One: What are you doing here?

All: We are seeking hope and healing.

One: What are you doing here?

All: We have heard you calling our names.

Lighting the Christ Candle

“Let the light of Christ fill this space.”

Opening Hymn *“Come, Let Us Sing”*

VU 222

**“Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently for too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.**

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help us to stand, strengthened and comforted by
God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brother and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer of Approach

**All: Christ has died
but lives again;
Christ's work continues.
In this time set aside for worship, Adonai, restore us
to a sense of mystery, in which we can trust you
without hesitation; in which we can forgive as you forgive;
in which we learn to love as you first loved us. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ with One Another

One: Rejoice and be glad,
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Learning Together

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, Mother and Father of us all,
we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus;
his work among us, and for those who
carry on Christ's mission.
We try to continue Christ's work
and pass on Christ's light,
but sometimes we are afraid we will fail;
that Christ's work will be too uncomfortable, or too costly.
(...silent prayer...)**

**Sometimes we let the light go out;
we let our everyday concerns extinguish it.
(...silent prayer...)**

**Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on;
we don't want to share it, we believe our way is the right way.
Hear our prayers. Forgive us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance "We always come into God's presence with nothing
but our imperfect selves. We are greeted with
unending love and forgiveness. Thanks be to God.

We Present Our Offering

Offertory Refrain

VU 542

**"We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gifts may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee."**

Prayer of Dedication (please remain standing)

**All: Ever faithful God, we stand together,
making a commitment to live in your love.
We offer gifts that your Good News might be
experienced in word and action. Fill us with joy
as we give what we have and who we are.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

We Listen For God's Word

Psalter Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35
Christian Scripture John 17: 1-11
Christian Scripture Acts 1: 6-14

One: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response

VU 37

**"Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"**