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# Seventh Sunday of Easter

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MUSIC

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & LIGHTING CANDLES

QUIETING, CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The gifts of grace and hope are given to all who believe  
even to us who worship here today.

**Let us receive God's gifts with joy  
and share them with glad and open hearts.**

HYMN MV 145: *Draw the Circle Wide*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

(inspired by the writings of John Baillie)

**We bless you, Most Wondrous God for your unfathomable love  
in nature, wherein you ordained that spirit with spirit can meet;  
in the cross, by which you bridge the greatest distance;  
in resurrection, through which you give us access to the Heart that moves the stars.**

**As we ponder your eternal Word  
within our narrow frame of time and circumstance  
draw us into deeper insight, trust, and joyful response.**

**Let not the sins of yesterday be repeated in our life today;  
let not the lives we live today set an evil example to the life of tomorrow;  
let us not fall prey to any temptation that lies in wait;  
nor let us refuse any opportunity to beautify the world for your name's sake.**



**Open now our hearts, our minds, our lips, and our hands,  
and our lives will show forth your glory.  
In Christ, we ask this. Amen.**

HYMN: *Don't Be Afraid* MV 90

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN MV 157 *I Am a Child of God* vv. 1,3,5 - MV 157

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:44-53  
*These are the words of our Sacred Story. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 93 *Everyday Psalms, Paraphrase, James Taylor*

The Lord wears light like a royal robe;

**it dazzles those who gaze upon the Lord.**

The whole world is God's royal throne;

**like a sapphire, it shines in the darkness of space.**

The earth has been God's home from the beginning;

**Before time began, God was there.**

A river in flood laughs at dykes and sandbags.

**It sweeps trees and homes along like dust.**

But God is greater than any flood,

**greater than the surf that pounds a rocky shore into sand.**

For acts of God are not random;

**God rules with justice and fairness,**

**And makes the whole earth holy.**

Hear, oh earth!

**The Lord, the Lord alone, is God. Now, and forever.**



HYMN MV 165: *There Is a Time (v.1-3)*

REFLECTION: *Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve*

ANTHEM

OFFERING

Offering Hymn MV 165:

*There is a Time (v.4-5)*

Dedication

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

—U.C.W. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

*Introduction to UCW and  
Life Memberships by UCW  
President Dorothy Stoodley*

*Calling those  
receiving Life Memberships*

*Presentation of Tokens*

Edith Alexiuk  
Bev Dupasquier  
Jean Geary  
Karen Irvine  
Loraine Purdey  
Jean Thorpe

*Affirmation:*

“We have heard of your faith  
in the Lord Jesus and your love  
toward all the saints,  
**for this reason we do not cease  
to give thanks for you as we  
remember you in our prayers.”**

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN VU 481: *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing*

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

MUSIC

