

WORSHIP PLAN

Ascension & Mother's Day, May 8, 2016
Foothills United Church, Calgary

1. GATHERING

10:15am Worship Leaders' Prayer

Leaders for today pause for prayer in the office

10:20am Piano Meditations

*Time for Quiet Reflection as Bill Bradley plays...
Worshippers may come up to light a prayer candle*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lay Presider Wendyanne Mothersole

Call to Worship

Minister Bill Bruce introduces the service

Ascension Day Prayer (VU191)

Mighty God, by your power

You raised Jesus Christ to rule over us.

We praise you that he puts down tyrannies

That threaten to destroy us

And unmask powers that claim our allegiance.

We thank you that he alone commands our lives,

And gives us freedom to love the world.

Glory to you for the gift of his life!

Glory to you for his saving death!

Glory to you for Jesus Christ

Who lives and reigns as our risen Lord. Amen.

*We greet one another
with 'The Peace of Christ'
until the first hymn begins*

2. LISTENING

Hymn

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Voices United 190

Tune: St Magnus

Prayer for Grace

We all pray, seated, as minister leads a prayer

Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Being Left Behind:

Ex-experts, Ex-prisoners, Ex-Jailers

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Being Left Behind:

That All May Be One

Duet

Remember Me

By Mark Schultz

*Sung by: Samantha Andee Sambaan
and Stephanie Anne Sambaan*

Reflection

"Being Left Behind:

In-Laws, Ex-Laws, Ex-Laws and Next-Laws"

We all reflect, as minister speaks

Hymn

sung seated

*(hear the verse and chorus played,
then join in)*

Forsaking Chariots of Fire

Voices United 192

Tune: Ascension (Bell)

3. RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

*Lay Presider leads our prayer, all seated
We end the prayer with a chorus: (VU 400)*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

Prayer Candles

*Any may come forward as invited
as we sing or hum, repeated, seated,
the same chorus (VU400)*

**Lord, listen to your children praying....
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Lord's Prayer

All seated, led by Lay Presider, we say together

Offering Invitation

*Lay Presider invites our donations
& our intentions*

Presentation & Chorus

*We stand, as able,
to sing twice (MV115)*

**Be-hold, (be-hold), be-hold (be-hold)
I make all things new, beginning with you
& starting from today.**

**Be-hold (be-hold), be-hold (be-hold)
I make all things new, my promise is true
For I am Christ the way.**

4. SENDING

Dedication Prayer

*All standing, as able,
as Lay Presider leads our prayer*

News, Plans, Birthdays

*All may be seated
Lay Presider tells & invites news
(please come to microphone with yours)*

Hymn

*(all standing, as able)
All Praise to Thee
Voices United 327
Tune: Sine Nomine*

Blessing

*We are sent to serve –
Ending with the Easter Acclamation,
One more time – nearing the end,
Of the Great 50 Days of Easter
(Next Sunday is Pentecost!)*

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen!
Risen indeed!**

**Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

Organ Postlude

*We pause to listen,
Before we share coffee time*