

## 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*