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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
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Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshiping with us today. Please sign guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Centering:

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Long, long ago, Creator God chose land to create the first beings made in the image of God - humans. From that moment, until this very moment, we are creatures of land. We honour Creator, and the land, when we walk gently, act in ways to help not just humans but all life, and know we are stewards - temporary caretakers - of this Eden. We sin when we break the relationships among people, land, creatures, waters, skies. This truth has been known by First Nations people since that long, long ago time. This truth is being relearned by settler peoples, who forgot this truth, or chose to ignore it. We acknowledge today this land is not our own. We are guests of Creator. This place, Waebijewung, Little Current, Mnidoo Mnis, Manitoulin Island, this place has been cared for by Odawa, Ojibwe, and Pottawatomi Anishinaabeg for generations upon generations. To honour God is to honour traditional stewardship, and to join with First Nations in caring for this land from which we are all made.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ said he is with us always, to the end of the age. This candle reminds us of his promise to not leave us orphans, and to abide with us. It reminds us that there is more to life than what we can see, touch, smell, taste or hear. Christ is among us - a Holy Mystery.
- Light the Christ Candle.

2.

Call to Worship:

One: We join together this morning, like those first disciples, wondering what is next in our Easter story.

All Sing: MV 90 “Don’t be afraid”

We have journeyed through Lent, sorrowed through Good Friday, waited through Holy Saturday, and rejoiced at the empty tomb on Easter. What now, God? What happens now?

All Sing: MV 90 “Don’t be afraid”

We feel Jesus’ long goodbye coming to an end. Loneliness and grief are closing in on us. We come today as a praying people. We cry to God, “Help us understand.”

All Sing: MV 90 “Don’t be afraid” (repeat) (+1)

Invocation:

One: Parent God, you’ve blessed us with Jesus’ life to teach us the lessons we need to grow.

All: We reach for the wisdom.

One: Guiding God, you set us the goal of manifesting your loving will, of being your presence in this world.

All: We ready ourselves for your direction.

One: Powerful God, you offer us the insight and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: We welcome the inspiration.

One: Our souls are uplifted by these gifts as we journey toward the ultimate ascension.

All: Following the Way of Jesus, we are journeying home.

Amen. (+2)

Opening Hymn: “Come and Find A Quiet Center” VU 374

Learning Time for All Ages:-

Where Did He Go?



3.

Listening

Hymn of Illumination (MV 44 vs 3)

***Naming the nameless Spirit of unity,
scanning the heavens for signs of your care;
God of the ages, give us humility;
guide us to mystical union in prayer.***

Holy Scripture:

Ephesians 1:15-23 (*I do not cease to give thanks for you*)

Acts 1: 6-14 (*The ascension of Jesus*)

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

Sermon: " You will be my witnesses."

Learning Hymn: "Come to My Heart" VU 661

M4M – Your Generosity Matters.

"The Work of Water"

Your Generosity Matters Part 2

You raised over \$300 for Camp McDougall!

This will help a kid come to camp.

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

With grateful hearts, with hopeful hearts, with wondering hearts,
with loving hearts, let us commit our time, talent, treasure and
terra to witnessing God. (*The offerings are brought forward*)

****Offertory Hymn:** (MV 191)

***What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share***

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Holy One, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, bless our offerings. Let
them help share the news that love reigns over all; love wins;
and love will see us all through. Amen.

4.

Prayers of the People:

Breath of Life, in your wisdom grant us knowledge and grace; and
also acceptance of the unknown, and peace.

Fill all peoples with the Spirit.

Guide us all into forgiveness of one another, of institutions, of
ourselves.

Help us to find the peace and healing that you want for us in the
quiet moments, in the majesty of nature, among friends and
enemies alike.

Bring us closer to you so that we may reach out.

Bring your strength to those who would wield it to create your kin-
dom but who are getting tired.

Bring your love to those who would nurture and support others but
who are depleted.

Bring your joy to those who are in the depths of grief and sorrow.

Bring your blessings to the attention of those who feel the void of
emptiness.

Bring the gifts of the Spirit to the attention of those who do not
recognize them.

Lend us your strength to create unity.

Now let us pray together for each other and for each one in our
community and beyond who needs support as we hold them in our
hearts and lift them up to you:

(a time of prayer)

And now, let us pray together, as Jesus taught us to pray, "(+3)

**...“Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be
they name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory forever and ever.” AMEN**

5.

Going Forth Into The World

Going Out Hymn: "The Spring Has Come" VU 187

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive the hope to which you are called, what riches you are gifted now, and which also yet await, and the immeasurable greatness of God working in your life and the lives of others for the goodness and love of all creation. Amen. - *Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts*

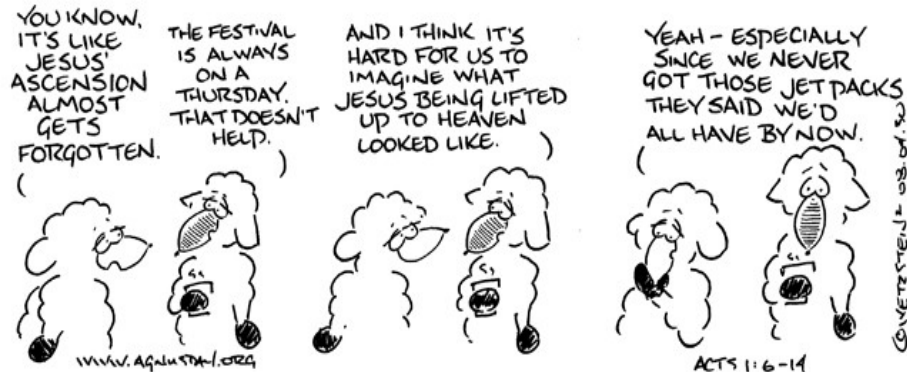
Choral Benediction: TLUS 105

*May you be held,
may you be held
in the love,
in the love of God. (sing 2X)*

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Resources Sourced:

- (+1) Lisa Norman, Enniskillen-Tyrone U.C., Tyrone, Ont. 2023
- (+2) Cheryl Stenson, Glebe Road U.C., Toronto, Ont. 2023
- (+3) Revised from Shannon Duffus, St. John's U.C., Levack, Ont. 2026



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR RED NEXT SUNDAY FOR PENTECOST (YELLOW AND ORANGE ARE ACCEPTABLE AS WELL) :-))

Little Current United Church PC

Welcome

To Worship



Dailyverses.net

**“Seventh of Easter”
Ascension Sunday**

May 17, 2026

Hymns for May 17, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1 VU 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear out eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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#2. VU 661 Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only your can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

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#3 VU 187 The Spring Has Come

1. The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and Gd is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day,
the spring as come, let all the church be part of it.
2. The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
3. The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot,
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.

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