Sunday, May 16, 2021 Easter Seven

Welcome – Bienvenue

Gathering: Open Our Hearts (MV 21)

#### Candle - Bougie:

As we light this candle, let the light remind us of the love which dwells within our hearts, and that our hearts are connected with God, with our families, with our communities and with our universal families. May the flame of Christ's light and love find and welcome every Spirit. Amen.

# Call to Worship-Appel à la prière

This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship the One who turns our sorrow into joy. Our despair into hope. Our doubt into faith. Let us feel the wind of the Spirit refresh our lives. Come, let us worship.

### **Opening Prayer / Prière**

God, our source of light and life, you lead the way to courage, kindness, generosity, and love. You call us to be your people and to live in community with one another, always moving to a place of wholeness. God, your love makes us whole. Help us to receive your love with open hearts, so that we may become attuned to your will and way. We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to praise and to serve you. Amen.

Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

Prayers for Grace & Transformation Words of Assurance/ Mots d'assurance The Peace/La paix

# **Scripture**

<u>Prayer for Illumination/Prière pour l'illumination</u> <u>We Listen – Nous écoutons</u>

Acts 1 :	15-17, 21-16
Psalm	4
Gospel	John 17: 6-19

I'll praise eternal God with all my heart, and I will recount your marvellous works and Glorify your name. I'll praise eternal God with all my heart. I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy. Al-le-lu-ia (MV 57)

# **Reflection**

Hymn: VU 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

<u>Invitation to the offering/Invitation à l'offrande</u> "Glory in the highest, on earth," sing again. Glory, alleluia. Amen, amen. (MV 58) <u>Offertory Prayer-Prière d'offrande</u>

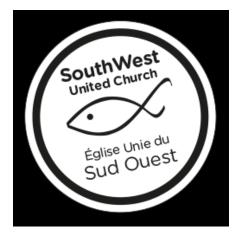
### **Announcements**

<u>Prayers of Hope/Prières universelles</u> <u>Lord's Prayer/La prière du Seigneur</u> *Response: I Am a Child of God (MV 157)* 

Extinguishing the Candle Benediction/Bénédiction/Commissioning

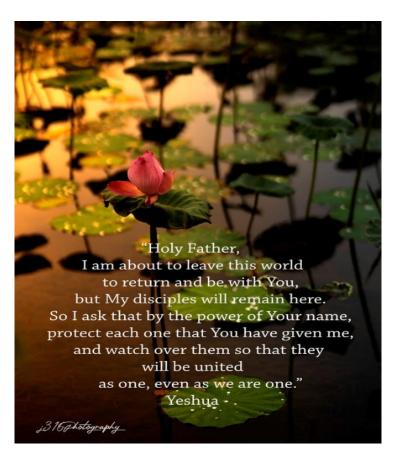
Hymn: VU 635 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

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