

SouthWest United Church
Sunday, May 24th
Easter Seven

Prelude MV62

Good Morning/Welcome

Music for Lighting the Candle

As we light this candle, let the light remind us of the sacred fire that dwells within our hearts and that our hearts are connected with Creator God, with our families, with our communities, and with our universal family. May the flame of Christ's eternal light find and welcome every spirit. Amen

Our Call to worship

Here we gather, each from our individual lives.
We carry into this place the joys and the worries of our week, the weight of our personal experience, the anxieties of all that the future may hold.
Here we gather, in prayer and preparation.
Here we knit ourselves into a community, here we hold one another in compassion, here we remember that the work you have called us to do, we do not do it alone.
Come let us worship.

Intro to Prayer (Lord Listen to Your Children Praying)

Let's pray together our Opening prayer

Holy One, we pray for your presence with us as we gather in worship and praise,
We pray for your encouragement as we go out into the

world, seeking to do your will,
We pray for the unity that we find as the many members of one body,
And for the guidance of your Holy Spirit in opening our hearts to hear one another in love,
Lord, listen to your children praying, this day and always.
Amen.

HYMN: MV37 Each Blade of Grass

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of affirmation**

Gospel John 17: 1-11 (NRSV)

Reflection

Hymn VU 402 We Are One, Verses 1 & 4

Offering

We move into our Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our benediction

Extinguishing the Flame

Closing Hymn: MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

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