



*Ascension
Sunday*

Como Lake United Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024, 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Ministry Team

Guest Minister: Rev. Sally McShane

Guest Musician: Carolyn Crooks

**Thank you to our
Scripture Readers
Sacred Service Team
Pray-ers
AV Team**

Order of Service

Prelude Preparing Our Hearts

(Instrumental music chosen by the musician)

Happy Mothering Sunday!

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Call to Worship *(adapted from UCC Song of Faith)*

One: God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.

All: Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship with us.

One: So God created the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating.

God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.

God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

All: We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...

One: Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,
of living things, diverse and interdependent,
of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,

we sing of God the Creator, the Maker and Source of all that is.

**All: We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable,
who is creatively active in the world.**

One: The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

**All: We offer worship with the Spirit, with the Source of all that is
Love and with the Christ, the Word made flesh, who spoke those**

loving words into our world. Thanks be to God.

Singing: 391 VU All things Bright and Beautiful

(The refrain is sung at the beginning & the end of the hymn only)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

(Please follow along with the slides.)

Lighting the Christ Candle and the Children's Candle

(Please follow along with the slides.)

Deepening into Worship

Gathering Prayer/Confession/Words of Life

(adapted from UCC to Song of Faith)

One: We gather to witness as a community of faith the goodness of Creator, Word and Spirit. In prayer we acknowledge our blessings as the Creator sends us hope.

All: Grateful for God's loving action, we offer our deepest and most loving worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe. God, we open ourselves to your still, small voice of comfort and to the amazing rushing whirlwind of challenge. Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, expand our lives, our relationships, and our world. We pray in trust. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we offer our intention. Amen

Children come forward.....

Sacrament of Baptism *(adapted from the Song of Faith)*

Introducing the Sacrament

One: Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity is the means by which we are received, at any age, into the covenanted community of the church.

It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith and cleansing by the power of God.

Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining, and transforming power of God's love and our grateful response to that Grace.

Parents come forward . . .

Questions to the Parents . . . Questions to the Community . . .
(Please stand and follow the slides.)

Preparing the water:

One: We praise you, loving Creator, for the gift of your Son Jesus and the guiding presence of the Spirit. In the power and peace of heaven we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be filled with your Spirit, and always know that they are loved as your children, safe in Jesus Christ for ever.

All: Amen

Water is poured. . . Minister Baptizes each child
Madeleine Grace Thomasson and Brielle Patricia Thomasson

Prayer after Baptism:

All: Source of all love, we thank you for the joy of life. We ask that whenever we forget your love, you will nudge us back into your embrace. In Christ we pray. Amen

***Hymn: 644 VU I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

Scripture: 1 John 1: 1-4; 3: 18-24
John 3: 1-22

Reflection: *Hiraeth*

Offering Our Gifts/Lighting a Prayer Candle
(Instrumental music – musician to choose)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers for Community and World
The Lord's Prayer (VU#921 spoken)

***Singing: 356 VU Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

Sending Forth and Blessing *(Instrumental – musician chooses)*