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Seventh Sunday of Easter

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. As we worship today, we honour their stewardship of this land through the ages.

We Gather Together

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Everyday is a Day of Thanksgiving* **MV 185**

Call to Worship

Good morning, friends and neighbors!
Of all the places you could be on a Sunday morning, why are you here?

We come seeking the fellowship of a comforting community.

We come to know our hearts and guide our choices.

We come to share and work in the world.

Opening Prayer *(Unison)*
Working together, we are finding new understanding. Always, we are opening our minds to justice and our hearts to mercy. We are here, present today: let us celebrate!

*Opening Hymn *I See a New Heaven* **VU 713**

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Emily Severson

*Children's Hymn *I Have Called You by Your Name* **MV 161**

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Reading Lunchbox Love Note by Kenn Nesbit

Reflection "Mother's Day: Revisionist History"

*Hymn *Who is My Mother* **MV 178**

Reading "If I Should Have a Daughter" by Sarah Kay

Affirming Moment *RUC Youth*

Affirming Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* **MV 145**

Reading "Mother Nature" by Emily Dickinson

*Hymn *O Beautiful Gaia* **MV 41**

Prayer

We Share our Gifts and our Lives

*Offering Hymn *Dance With The Spirit* **MV 156**

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Like a Healing Stream* **MV 144**

*Benediction

** denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*