**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**PREACHER: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori**

**\*** You are invited to stand if comfortable doing so

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

***We Gather Together***

***Choral Prelude***

1. **MV#51** *Yahweh Be Praised*

**Yahweh be praised in the heavens. Yahweh be praised in the streets. Yahweh be praised with our singing when in worship we meet. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised.** (2x)

1. **MV#122** *“This Is The Day”*

**This is the day that God had made; we will rejoice and be glad! This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad! Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad! Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!**

**We will rejoice and be glad!**

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Hymn:* VU#120** *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Passing of the Peace*** (**VU#958** *“Halle, Halle, Halle”* )

***Welcome***

***Life and Work of the Church*** (see insert)

***We Draw Near to Worship***

***Call to Worship*** Psalm 1 **VU p. 724**

***Silence***

***Prayers of the Faithful***

***Intercessory Prayer***

We have prayed all these through Christ Jesus our Lord; He is the One who taught us to pray saying … “**Our Father …”**

***The Lord’s Prayer*** (sung) **VU #960**

***Children’s Choir***

***Circle Time*** *(with the Children)*

***\* Children’s Hymn of Praise:* MV#48** *“I Can Feel You Near Me God”* (2x)

**And I’ll jump for joy, I’m singing Alleluia; Jump for joy for you.**

 **I will jump for joy, I’m singing Alleluia; Jump for joy for you.**

***We Listen for God’s Word***

***Scripture Reading:* Acts 1:15-17; 21-26**

Reader: This is the Word of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***\* Hymn of Preparation:*  VU#575** *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

***The Message:* “Imperfect in Every Way**”

***We Respond in Love***

***Offering***

***Hymn/Song of Dedication***

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

 **May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.**

 **Give us courage to stand for truth, help us give to others.**

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

***Offertory Prayer***

***We Go Out to Serve***

***\*Closing Hymn:*  VU#556** *“Would You Bless Our Homes & Families”* v 1, 3 &4

***\* Benediction***

***\* Triple Amen***

***\* Commissioning Hymn:* MV#209** *“Go, Make A Diff’rence”*

 **Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence. Go make a**

 **diff’rence in the world. Go make a diff’rence. We can make a**

 **diff’rence. Go make a diff’rence in the world.**

***\* Musical Postlude***

***We thank Rev. Tom Hiscock for sharing his message***

***with us this morning.***



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*10:30am*

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