

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
Russeltown Flatts Church  
178th Anniversary  
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**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One : Come let us worship the Lord our God

**All** : Who has been with us through all the ages;

One : Who has brought us safely through another year;

**All** : And who calls us yet again to be his people;

One : Through sorrow and pain, distress and death;

**All** : God has been with us to strengthen, to encourage, to comfort and to support.

One : Let us respond to this steadfast love with all that we have and all that we are.

**All** : Let us worship God!

Hymn : *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

**Prayer of Approach, Confession and Pardon**

Prayer for Pardon (together)

***Merciful One, our hearts long for your forgiveness.***

***Touch us with your healing, cleanse us of our guilt;***

***Renew our spirits, that we may serve you with joy***

***all our days. Amen.***

**Scripture Readings:** I Kings 19:19-21, Deuteronomy 11:13-21,  
Mark 2: 18-22, John 13: 33-35

**Sermon:** Mantles that matter

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Hymn :**        *Come Let Us Sing of the Wonderful Love*

**Offering**

**Duet :**        *Come To My Heart Lord Jesus*  
Penny Anderson & Elisabeth Churchill

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn :**        *Blessed Be The Tie That Binds*

**Benediction**

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*A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to visit and worship in this historic **Little White Church**.*

*Greeters at the door today were Jean Pycock and Dorothy Curran Clarke.*

*The Offering was collected by Eric, Rachel and Tania Gilmartin, grandchildren of Lyman Roberts.*

*Special thanks to Lorne Schiller and the Mount Royal Commemorative Services for their donation of flowers for today's anniversary service.*

*Following the service, there will be light refreshment provided through the efforts of Jean Pycock and the volunteers who so kindly contribute to the table.*

*Please make sure you have signed our guest book at the entrance of the Church – we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again next year!*

**Affirmation of Faith:**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church :  
to celebrated God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

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*The Little White Church is fast approaching its 180<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plans are currently underway to mark this special occasion with a homecoming planned for the many families whose roots lie deep within the history of this church.*

*The Church and Cemetery Committee is looking to organize this event by contacting as many descendents as possible – both near and far. If you would like to help with the planning of this event please step forward and contact a member of the Committee – any help or ideas will be greatly appreciated! If you have any names or addresses of people who would be interested in the details of the homecoming celebration, please let us know.*

*Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Russeltown Flatts Church Anniversary service.*

Gregg Edwards  
**Russeltown Flatts Church and Cemetery Committee**

Jean Pycock