

## "New Heights"

Devotion for July 2014      "He's Gone!"

Hymn: Walk with me    VU 649

Scripture: Acts 1 7-13 & 2 1-5

Reflection:

They were alone, felt abandoned and in despair. No idea of what comes next or what to do. Does that fit a lot of churches today? Church closings are a very common occurrence. Pentecost however, set the disciples on a new path, a new journey. Perhaps that is what will happen with our current upheaval. Are you in despair over the declining attendance in your congregation, is giving up and closing the doors your solution? Or have you been smitten with tongues of fire and a wind that blows your imagination to new heights? This United Church creed, history, UCW and AOTS are worth preserving. We can see the bright light in this darkness: just get into the modern world and continue Jesus mission. It will be a different road, but one we can set our GPS on and GO.

Discussion

In what direction are you heading? Pining about yesterday or offering solution for the modern world that God still lives in?

Hymn    One more step    VU 639

Prayer.

Well God, as the song goes, "You gave me a mountain this time". I guess the question is, do we have the faith to climb it? We are certainly looking at something new. Something different and Lord we sure don't know what it is. Like the twelve we feel lost, abandoned, but we also know those tongues of fire have already landed on some, that wind will eventually affect us all and the message spread by Jesus will emerge, in a different form, but the same message of love will prevail. Thanks God, amen.