

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Joan Donison,
Marilyn Caughlin & George Peters

Reader: Marilyn Caughlin

Coffee: Dot Carlson,
Marilyn Caughlin & George Peters

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

Guest Worship Leader: Bonnie Morton



We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.
Please feel free to make the language
of worship inclusive for you.
Please sit or stand as you are able.
Blessed be our time together.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Hymn: #156 (MV) – Dance with The Spirit (2X)*
(words on screens)

Lighting of the Candles



This is the light of the Christ, the light of the world

The light that nurtures spiritual growth, encourages social action and inspires us to love and care for ourselves and othersⁱ.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.

It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.

This is no ordinary gathering.

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God. As we gather today it is also not an ordinary day.

It is a time of letting go of things that are ending or coming to a close, and also a time of embracing new beginnings and new joys and challenges that are ahead of us.ⁱⁱ

Prayer of Approach:

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

Blow into our lives today and clear out the cobwebs of our closed minds.

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Fill us with Your living love.

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

Touch us with your presence and give us a new energy for service.

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

Forgive us the times when we keep to ourselves, when we don't share, when we put others down, laugh at them and ignore their gifts.

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

Forgive us when we ignore our gifts and talents, and feel worthless, and doubt you.

○ Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

*Help us to feel the worth you give to each of us, to be open to your Spirit, to stand tall as your people.
Amenⁱⁱⁱ*

Opening Hymn: #79 (MV) Spirit, Open My Heart^{**}
(words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness:

You gave us a vision of a new world, O God, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your presence among us, yet we seek our own way out of life's wilderness. Wipe away our fear of the unknown, and our obsession with the known. Make us pilgrim people, in Jesus' name.

(Silent prayers of the heart....)Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: #90 (MV) Don't Be Afraid^{***}
(words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Pray for the People*

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: #343 *I Love To Tell The Story*
(*words on screens*)

Scripture: **Jeremiah 22:13-16**
Luke 4:14-21

Reflection: Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry

WE RESPOND

Hymn: # 701- *What Does the Lord Require of You*
(*words on screens*)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: *Tune- Take My Life - # 542 (words on screens)*

Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #509 *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)*
(*words on screens*)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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ⁱ Candle Lighting Devotions for the 2010-2011/ Horizons Bible Study Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today.

<http://horizons.pcusa.org/biblestudies/1011revelation/christcandle.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Celebrating God's Presence: A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada, P. 20, United Church Publishing House, Toronto.

ⁱⁱⁱ Adapted from a Prayer of Approach and Confession, author and Year unknown.