

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

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Ministry Staff:

Rev. Tricia Gerhard & Michelle McConkey

We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the homeland of the Metis. May we live with respect on this land and with its peoples.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introductions

Gathering Hymn: MV#2 Come All You People **

Call to Worship:

In the presence of God, who has created and is creating,
We come with excitement and expectation.

In the presence of God, who was companion to Jesus,
We come in hunger and hope.

In the presence of God, who works in us and others by the Spirit,

We come with joy and amazement.

Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer:

There is a sense that you are with us this afternoon, O God. In our seeking, in our finding, and in humanness, with a certain extravagance and amazement you enter our lives to bless, to heal, to love and make new. Bless why we are here today, and what we are about to do in this place. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Presentation of New Minister

Hymn: MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath *>>

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Isaiah 43 – selected verses

Choir Anthem: Spirit Like a River

Reflection: Darrell Reine

(Ministry Personnel at Westminster United)

WE RESPOND

Hymn: MV#161 I Have Called You By Your Name ***

Act of Covenanting

Introduction

The New Creed:

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 celebrate 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

Past Chair of Presbytery: Will Tricia please come forward.

Tricia, you have answered the call of God and Sunset United to minister here in Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care. You, the people of this congregation, are called together with Tricia, as a faith filled community, to worship, study, prayer and action. We, the presbytery, will be responsible for the

encouragement, and support of this congregation, and the oversight and discipline of Tricia.

Let us ask God's grace as we covenant together.

Let's pray:

Gracious God, you call each of us into ministry; pour out your Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together in Jesus' name. Amen.

Past Chair: Tricia, do you, in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

I do by the grace of God.

Past Chair: Will you accept the support and encouragement of this congregation and presbytery?

I will, by the grace of God.

Past Chair: Will you accept the discipline of Wascana Presbytery, and together with its other members, be responsible for the oversight of the life of God's church here and in the world?

I will, by the grace of God.

Past Chair: I invite the people of Sunset United Church to please stand. Will you join together with Tricia in ministry of worship, study, hospitality, prayer and action within this congregation and the world?

We will, by the grace of God.

Past Chair: Will you support Tricia as one who serves among you and with you.

We will by the grace of God.

Past Chair: I invite the members of Wascana Presbytery to stand. Will you, as members of Wascana Presbytery, join with Tricia and Sunset United Church in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

We will, by grace of God.

Past Chair: Presbytery members, will you witness their work, and support and encourage them in ministry?

We will, by the grace of God.

Past Chair: Sunset United has a team of staff members, each being an integral part of the life of this congregation. They have worked together for years and have established relationships into which we add a new person. Would Michelle, Jayne, Nancy, Kevin, Shirley and Christian please stand. Do you, as the staff team of Sunset United Church, promise to work together, offering each other respect, support, vision and honesty as you work with and for the people of Sunset United.

We will, with God's help and wisdom.

Past Chair: I ask Tricia's family and friends, and other visitors to please stand. As participants in this celebration, and as witnesses to the promises, will you offer your support and encouragement to the persons who are entering into this covenant.

We will, with God's help and wisdom.

Presentation of the Symbols

Symbols from the Minister

Past Chair - Tricia, members of Sunset United, Presbyters and friends, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours and yours in this presbytery. By the Spirit, and on behalf of Wascana Presbytery of Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada, I declare you, Tricia Gerhard, duly covenanted as minister of the congregation of Sunset United Church, and that the covenant has been duly witnessed. May this ministry be life giving, and Spirit filled.

All: thanks be to God!

Disbanding the Joint Search Committee

Past Chair of Presbytery: Marion Tudor, Glendene Gray, Kevin Perrey, Karen Wotherspoon, Trina Hodgson, Brenda Scarfe, Darrell Reine, and Rhonda Korpan. Wascana Presbytery and the members of Sunset United Church would like to express our gratitude to you, the Joint Search Committee, for your faithful service over the past months. Your commitment of time, faith and discernment has brought us all to this significant time and place. Thank you and you are set free. Be proud of a job well done.

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide ****

Offering

Hymn: VU#191 What Can I Do? >**

Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: VU#884 You Shall Go Out with Joy <>

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



Deep gratitude to the following people:

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- *Delise Pitman: for giving of your time to be Presbytery Representation at this service while giving up the opportunity to participate in this covenant as a member of Sunset.*
- *Nancy Edwards, Shirley Hill, and the Members of the Sunset Choir: thank you for giving your time and talent for a second(!) time today. Your music adds so much to the worship.*
- *The Members of Presbytery: two worships in one day! Thank you for being here and offering your support.*



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