

Sunset United Church

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MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: "All Earth Is Waiting" VU 5 *

(words on screens)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Candle Lighting Song "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star"

MV 220 ** (words on screens)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, all you Advent people,
come praising the God of promise.

We come with glad and thankful hearts.

Follow the way of faith; make the path straight.

Together, we will walk the road to Bethlehem.

Prayer of Approach: VU 13

O God, our deliverer:

you cast down the mighty,

and lift up those of no account;

like Elizabeth and Mary, who embraced

one another with songs of liberation,

may we, pregnant with your Spirit,

affirm one another in hope for the world;

in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Be Born In Us*

Scripture: Daniel 3

Conversation time

Hymn: "Don't Be Afraid" MV 90 ***

(words on screens)

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: “It Only Takes a Spark” MV 289 ****
(*words on screens*)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: “In Gratitude and Humble Trust”
VU 544, tune: VU 64 *<*<
(*words on screens*)

Prayer of Dedication

As we prepare, O God, for the festival of Christ’s birth, may our gifts be used to prepare the world for Christ’s coming, when all creation shall sing your praise. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Let the heavens be joyful!

Let the earth be glad!

Let us give thanks to our God!

We open our hearts in thankful prayer.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

Your song of wisdom rang out before the world began;
your ancient love still stirs within us.

**Even when we turn away from you,
you keep faith with us.**

You send your messengers
to guide us in the path of wholeness.

**In Mary, woman of your promise,
you showed us courage and faith;**

in the fullness of time, you sent us your greatest gift,
Jesus, our prince of peace and herald of hope.

**So it is that we join in the Advent prayer
of all your people: “O come, Emmanuel.”**

And as we wait and watch for your coming,
we proclaim your goodness, singing:

(MV 203) (*sung*)

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

**All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav’n,
creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to those who sat with him, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

**“This cup is the new covenant
sealed in my blood.**

**Whenever you drink it,
do so in remembrance of me.”**

O God, Redeemer of all things,
with grateful thanks we receive this bread and wine,
fruits of your earth and of our labour,
and together we offer you our praise
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

(MV 204) *(sung)*

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Now send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world.

Prayers of the People &
The Prayer of Jesus *(sung)*

Breaking and Sharing

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Jesus that we, as your church, may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

(MV 205) *(sung)*

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

VU 660, verses 1, 2, 4, 5 <<*

(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen!*

Postlude



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