

Sunset United Church

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles

Call to Worship

Like pine seedling, just coming out of the ground...

Our joy begins to grow.

Like a willow's roots stretching out under the ground...

Our compassion reaches into the world.

Like roses with deadwood pruned back forcing new growth,

Our love grows and blooms.

Thanks be to God,

Who does such wonderful things!

Opening Prayer*

Be praised, Creator, by butterfly and dragonfly wings exercising for their first flight. Be praised by lightning and thunder causing spring showers. Be praised by the silent voice of grass growing and trees budding. Be praised by all the colourful flower trumpets of spring. Be praised by downy feathers freshly dried on newly hatched ducklings and chicks. Be praised by the songs of birds, crickets and frogs. Be praised by all your creation which tells of new life. Be praised, Creator, by our worship this morning, which gives thanks for our connection with creation. Amen.

Hymn: MV#135 Called By Earth and Sky ***

Prayer For Wholeness

Holy Mystery,

We confess we love easy answers more than deep questions. We explain away miracles, disarm the good news, domesticate your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries...

(silent prayers...)

Words of Affirmation

Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace *****

Passing the peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Sing For Joy

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#249 Rejoice in the Lord Always *<*

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU#588 Many Are the Lightbeams **<

Offering Dedication

Anthem (during offering): Someone's Knocking

Hymn: VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give
Thanks (refrain only) **<

Prayer

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

Hymn: VU#481 Sent Forth By God's Blessing >>*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



*prayer adapted from one written by Mary Goergen, O.S.F found in *Earth Prayers from Around the World*. Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon, 1991. San Francisco: Harper Collins Publisher. Page 299

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