

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Reader: Marilyn Bzdell

Coffee: Marilyn Bzdell



MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

HAPPY EASTER!!

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

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering: #412 – *This Is the Day (verse one)****

(words on screens)

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer*

O God of amazing grace, on this Easter morning we come hoping and expecting to receive new life.

**Some of us need new life in aching bodies;
Some need new life in skeptical minds;
Some need new life in fearful hearts;**

Renew us; Re-energize us; Re-charge us we pray:

**May we learn to be an Easter people once
Again – a people with an alleluia in our
Song!**

Choir Anthem: *Mary, Mary*

Prayer for wholeness:

When the women got to the tomb, they were puzzled that it was empty, even though Jesus has said he would rise again.

**When we fail to have faith in your promises, and are
puzzled at glimpses of your new reality, forgive us,
God.**

They were terrified, and bowed their faces to the ground.

**When we let fear rule the day, taking over our views
of the world, our dreams, our understandings, forgive
us, God.**

When the men heard the women's testimony, they laughed and called it an idle tale.

When we laugh at others, mocking their stories of experiencing your presence, or when we put down the faith of others, forgive us, God.

**All: Help us to be forgiving of ourselves and of others.
Help us to trust the word of others – help us to trust
Your word, O God...**

(silent prayers of the heart) AMEN

Sung Response: *Clap your hands*
(*Words on the screens*)



Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: *I Am Amazing*

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10

Reflection

Choir Anthem: *We Have Seen the Risen Lord*

WE RESPOND

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: words by L. Erhardt
(*words on the screens*)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (#959)

Hymn: #166 - *Joy Comes with the Dawn* ****
(*words on the screens*)

Commissioning**

Just when the smell of death becomes unbearable, and the huge stone blocking light seems unmovable, You send your angels in disguise to let in light and refresh the air.

*And in our returning to life we discover
That some blockages are far too
Massive for us to remove by ourselves.
Thanks be to God for this community,
And for the angels that surround us!*

Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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