



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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Dale & Joan Johnston

*Reader:* Gayle White

*Coffee:* Deenie & Jim Wyatt

**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Tricia Gerhard and Michelle McConkey**

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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

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Anthem: Hallelujah Resurrection Day

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles\*

At the first light of dawn,  
The women went to the graveside.

**Are not our hearts burning within us?**

And there they found.... Nothing?

**Are not our hearts lighted with fire?**

An empty tomb!  
The grave-clothes lying on the ground!  
Where is Jesus?

**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ is risen, indeed!**  
**Hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah, amen!**

## Searching for Hallelujahs

**Opening Hymn:** VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today \*>\*

### Prayer\*\*

God, we are awestruck at the mystery of Easter,  
Caught up in the celebration of the resurrection story.

**Christ is risen!**

The quietness of our Lenten journey  
is all but forgotten in the miracle of today.

**Christ is risen!**

God, help us to learn what this story means to us,  
To figure out how the Easter story  
Calls us to new life.

**Christ is risen!**

Fill our hearts, minds and lives, we pray,  
With the celebration and mystery of Easter.

**Hallelujah, Christ is risen!**

**Our Sung Response\*\*\*:** I Rejoiced (words on screen)

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

### Sharing the Story

**Hymn:** MV#121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! >>\*

**Scripture:** John 20: 1-18

### Reflection

## WE RESPOND

**Hymn:** VU#166 Joy Comes with the Dawn <\*>

### Our Offerings are Received

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

### Prayer of Dedication

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

**Hymn:** VU#167 Christ Is Risen From the Dead \*\*\*>

### Commissioning & Blessing

**Anthem:** Hallelujah Chorus

### Postlude



- \*prayer written by Richard Bott, found in Gathering, L/E 2017 (year A), page 38.
- \*\*adapted from prayer written by Fern Gibbard, found in Gathering L/E 2018 (year B), page 42
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