



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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*Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards

*Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

*Worship Hosts:* Darlene Stewart,  
Jessie & Gary Carlson

*Candle-Lighters:* Jack & Evan Hansen

*Reader:* Marilyn Caughlin

*Coffee:* Marilyn Caughlin, George Peters

## 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

Gathering Hymn: MV#21 Open Our Hearts \*\*\*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

**Prayer of Approach\*:**

We cannot see God's presence...

**Even if our eyes have sight.**

We cannot hear God's presence...

**Even if our ears have hearing.**

We cannot touch God's presence...

**Even if we stretch our fingers far and wide.**

We cannot sense God's presence...

**Until we are ready to open ourselves,**

**Honestly and completely,**

**To the Holy.**

We are called here -

**To be open to God's love.**

We are called here -

**And we come.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Here, in this place, may we be open to learning new ways to see the world and your presence in it. May the words that we speak and sing welcome you not only here but into our lives.

We pray this in the name of the One who gave sight to the blind. Amen

**Opening Hymn: MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts \*\*\*\***

**Prayer for Wholeness\*\*:**

In our hearts this day, O God,

We bring to you the ways in which

We miss the mark.

We remember the times when we did not try at all.

(silent prayer)

We remember the times when we tried to get it right

But our hearts were not in it.

(silent prayer)

We remember the times when  
we really did try to get it right  
but later discovered we had it all wrong.

(silent prayer)

We remember the times when we did the exact opposite  
Of what you were calling us to do.

(silent prayer)

Forgive us, heal us and refocus us once again.

*(Silent prayers of the heart....)*Amen.

### Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: MV#115 Behold, Behold I Make All  
Things New \*\*\*\*\*

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem:

Conversation time

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

Scripture

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: MV#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus \*<<

## Our Offerings are Received

Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU#642 Be Thou My Vision >>\*

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



- \*adapted from a prayer written by Richard Bott, found on [www.liturgy.richardbott.com](http://www.liturgy.richardbott.com)
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- >>\*Words: Irish ca. 8<sup>th</sup> century; trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrhe 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt. Music: Irish traditional melody.