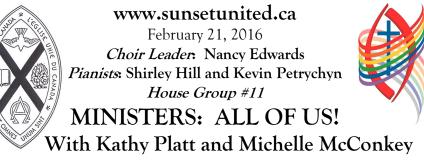
Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'. Please feel free to make the language of worship inclusive for you. Please sit or stand as you are able. Blessed be our time together.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering: #315 - Holy, Holy, Holy (verse one)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Psalm 1 – Rooted in Righteousness* (words to lead us into 2nd Sunday in Lent...) Happy are those who refuse to be led astray. *The lure of selfish living whispers in my ears. Opportunities to profit from* another's pain constantly cross my path. Even if I avoid these traps, the Temptation to scorn others taunts me. Happy are those who keep their eyes on the distant vision of how God intended life to be lived – who think on that vision, every step of the way.

> They stand like trees growing by a lake. Their roots go down deep, drawing strength from the whole history of human experience; waters that will never dry up.

They blossom in spring and bear fruit in the fall. They will not whither in tough times.

May our worship this morning renew our commitment to righteous living and to the vision of how God intends life to be lived...AMEN

Opening Hymn: #79 (MV) – Spirit Open My Heart

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem:

Scripture:

Conversation time

Hymn:

Scripture: Matthew 5: 17 - 48

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #691 – Though Ancient Walls

Our Offerings are Received

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #424 – May the God of Hope go with us

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

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