## Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

## www.sunsetunited.ca

March 25, 2016

Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards
Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn
Worship Hosts: Deenie Wyatt,
Lynn & Dean Ast

Coffee: Ladies Fellowship

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!
With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

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.

## Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Lighting of the Candles

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Welcome

Choir Anthem: Pie Jesu

## Words to begin:\*

We give thanks to God for the gift of Creation and for all that this means for us. We give thanks for the gift of story and the ways in which stories help us reflect on life's meaning. We give thanks to God for the gift of free will and all the responsibility that comes as we make choices about how to live within God's Creation and with the elements God has created for us.

On this day, let us reflect on the significance of stones in our world, and let us draw strength and hope, as well as caution and concern, from our reflections.

In the name of the One who creates, and Who invites us to be stewards of creation, We pray....AMEN

Hymn: #236 - Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture (each followed by reflection)

Joshua 4: 1-9 Psalm 62: 5-7 1 Samuel 17: 40-49

Choir Anthem: Near the Cross

John 8: 3-11 Mark 15: 6-15 Matthew 27: 57-60

Closing prayer

Hymn: #182 – Stay With Us through the Night

Commissioning & Blessing

Postlude

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\*this service based on one written by Tony Thompson, in Gathering: Lent/Easter/Pentecost 2011.

Please join us for coffee/tea and hot cross buns. May the food and the conversation nourish body and soul!

<u>Easter Sunrise Service</u> – meet at the church at 6:30 a.m. – short outdoor service, then potluck breakfast

<u>Easter 10:30 a.m. Service</u> – come and help us live out what it means to be an Easter people!