

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: Lana Orban,

Lois Fehler & Marilyn Bzdell

Coffee: Marilyn Bzdell

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and

Michelle McConkey



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.

Prelude

*Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer
bowl*

Lighting of the Candles



Welcome

Choir Anthem: *Just Beyond the Manger*

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: #265 – Creating God, Your Fingers Trace ***
(words on screens)

Scripture (each followed by reflection)**

Matthew 27: 11-19
Pilate & Pilate's wife
Matthew 27: 15-26
Jesus Barabbas
Matthew 27: 32-37
Simon of Cyrene

Hymn: #79 MV – Spirit, Open My Heart****
(words on screens)

Matthew 27: 38-44
The Two Bandits
Matthew 27: 45 – 54
The Centurion

Matthew 27: 55 – 61

The women who sat beside the tomb

Closing prayer

Hymn: #182 – *Stay with Us through the Night**<*<
(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Postlude



*written by Tony Thompson, in *Gathering: Lent/Easter/Pentecost 2011*.

**based on a reflection written by Rev. Janet Hunt on her blog:
dancingwiththeword.com

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

Easter Sunrise Service – meet at the church at 5:45 a.m. – short outdoor service, then potluck breakfast

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