

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Worship Hosts: Black Family,
Peg & George Achtymichuk

Candle-Lighters: Black Family

Reader: Susan Black

Coffee: Maida Gardner

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

Guest Worship Leader: Bryan Tudor

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: VU 389 God Is Here (verse 1)

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Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: *

We look at a glass. Some see it is half full, some see it as half empty. How do we see it?

Filled with the water of life! Filled to the brim with the wine of abundance.

We look at our lives. Some see us as half full, some see us as half empty. How do we see ourselves?

Filled with the peace of Christ. Overflowing with God's goodness and grace.

This is life

Life abundant

For us

And for the world.

Prayer of Approach: **

Gather us together, Great Spirit. Fill our hearts with goodness, fill our worship with meaning and fill your world with hope and joy. Gather us and fill us with all the abundance you have in store for us. Amen.

Opening Hymn: MV 1 – Let Us Build a House

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Prayer for Wholeness: ***

God of wedding feasts and abundant wine, we are surrounded by signs of your goodness and grace, yet we sometimes fall short ourselves.

Called to open our hands, we sometimes keep them half-closed. Called to open our hearts, we sometimes guard them too well. Called to open our eyes, we sometimes look the other way.

Hear us as we lift our silent thoughts and prayers to you now.

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
VU 400 *>* (words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Conversation time:

Hymn VU 646 We Are Marching *>>*>
(words on screens)

Prayer for Illumination

God, as we worship together, may all that is said and all that is heard help us to understanding your truth. Open our minds and hearts to all that these words offer to us. May we hear your voice of life as we speak and listen and draw close to you. Amen.

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Reflection: Water into Wine

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
<<*> (words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: VU 218 We Praise You, O God v. 1 <*<
(words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our gifts by your Spirit, that they may show forth the light of your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (VU959)

Hymn: VU 675 Will Your Anchor Hold <*>
(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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