

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Pianists: Shirley Hill & Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts, Candle-Lighters,

Reader, Coffee: House Group 5



MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt & Michelle McConkey

WELCOME TO OUR TRI-CHURCH

COMMUNITY!!

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

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 Hymn: #62, MV: *There is Room for all**

(words on the screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Opening words**

Leap and dance with joy – the showers have ended, the sun has come out again.

Splash through the puddles!

Roll in the grass!

Let laughter rise like flights of sparrows!

This is God’s world.

God made it – God made us – and it is indeed good! We spoil it if we stare at it through sour faces. God set us free to frolic, to sing, to celebrate the gift of life.

So, let us dance our way down to the

Garden, scattering rose petals with

Every step. With every breath, let us

Enjoy the goodness of God!

From the beginning of time, God has poured out love; God will continue loving ‘til time stops ticking.

Hymn: #222 VU – Come, Let Us Sing

(words on the screens)

Prayer – (based on words from the Qur’an)***

Like soup without salt,

Like song without notes,

Like heart without love,

Like lily without scent,

Like sea without waves,

Like bird without wings,

Like flute without sound,

Like sorrow without tears:

So is life without the presence of the Holy One – without the gift of the Spirit.

Let us be still, and in the silence – in the breathing – in the beating of our hearts – know that God is here....

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

Assurance of God’s Blessing

Our Sung Response: #90 MV - Don’t be Afraid****

(words on screens)



Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Anthem: *Tri-Church Choir-*

Joy is Like the Rain

Conversation time with Michelle & Kathy

Hymn: *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*

Scripture: Matthew 11: 2-11

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #509 VU – Here I Am, Lord

(words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: words by L. Erhardt

(words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Closing prayer and Lord's Prayer (#959 VU)

Hymn: #586 VU – *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

Commissioning[^]

*In each breath this day,
May there be peace.
In each step this day,
May there be grace.
In each word this day,
May there be compassion.
In each encounter this day,
May God's presence be known.*

Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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