



# Sunset United Church

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We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Metis homeland. May we live with respect on this land and with its peoples.

“We publicly declare our commitment to creating a community where we welcome people of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, ability, ethnicity, and economic circumstance. We affirm that diversity is truly a gift of God and that all people belong here.”

- Excerpted from the Sunset Mission Statement

## WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: MV #62 There is Room for All \*\*\*

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles

Call to Worship\*

We are the body of Christ,

Left side: The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,  
mouth tasting, arms embracing

Right side: justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking...

**Body of Christ!**

Left side: Baptised in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

**Many and varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class and ability,**

**We are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

Right side: None us can say to another: "I have no need of you"

**For only together can we find wholeness.**

Left side: None of us can say to another: "I will not care for you"

**For we are all connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer.**

**If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

Right side: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one!

**Let us worship together!**

**Hymn: MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts \*\*\*\***

**A Litany\*\*:**

From fear and ignorance; **Gracious one, deliver us.**

From indifference and detachment; **Gracious One, deliver us.**

From prejudice and pity; **Gracious One, deliver us.**

From selfish and speedy judgment; **Gracious One, deliver us.**

From shallow and simple answers; **Gracious One, deliver us.**

In this time of silence, we name our personal and social regrets,

Challenges and sin in our lives...

*(Silent reflection)*

With hope and wisdom; **Living God, inspire us.**

With compassion and involvement; **Living God, inspire us.**

With openness and love; **Living God, inspire us.**

With full and prayerful generosity; **Living God, inspire us.**

With courage to face the reality and complexity of life; **Living God, inspire us.**

With joy to celebrate, nurture and express our diversity in sexuality and gender expression; **Living God, inspire us.**

*(Silent reflection)*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

**Sung Response:** MV#101 Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts <\*\*

Passing the peace

## WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story: *Pride, the Story of Harvey Milk & the Rainbow Flag*

Video: Beautiful to Me – Alan Doyle

Scripture: Philippians 1: 3-6, 9-11

Reflection

Hymn: VU#372 Though I May Speak <\*<

## WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer >>>

Prayer

## Communion

### Prayer After Communion:

Source of Love, we give thanks for a simple meal full of meaning. May we be nourished body and soul by this feast, so that we can go out into the world living a radical and reckless love, a Jesus love. Amen.

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

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude



\*by Rev. Ann B Day from *A Place in God's Heart*, David Loman, editor 2007. Used in Living Lament Apology Reconciliation Worship, Manitou Conference shared with Iridesce: the Living Apology Project, 2017

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