

Sunset United Church

April 22, 2018



Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards,
Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn
Ministers: ALL OF US
With Bonnie Morton and Michelle McConkey

We Gather In God's Name

First Word-

Opening Hymn "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"-

#395

Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated, and uncover the ways we have strayed from truth. Expose the empty and barren places. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the struggles of others. Nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where spirit has begun to grow. Let healing light transform us, bring new life to make us whole. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God"

#376

Passing the Peace

Anthem: Shine On Us.

Sharing the Story

The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert):

*Tyson Aurel Benjamin
Son of Erin and Eric,
Godson of Jordan Toppings and Ashley Hengen*

Hymn: “Out of Deep, Unordered Water” #453

Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Presentation of the Child

On behalf of the congregation of Sunset United Church, I present this child for initiation into the Body of Christ through baptism.

Blessing the Water and Light

Holy God, you moved over the void and into the chaos you said a word: “Light!”

With that word you blessed all creation. With this light you bless all creation.

Holy God, with that light we could see the waters that roiled and boiled

The water that gave birth to all things. The water that gave birth to us. These waters that celebrate new life in Christ!

With your love

Bless this light!
With your love
Bless this water!
With your love
Bless this child. May it be so!

Questions and Promises for the Parents

Questions and Promises for Congregation

New Creed:

**We are not alone,
We live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others
By the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**To celebrate God's presence,
To live in respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

The Act of Baptism

Presentation of the Child

Presentation of Blanket, Candle and Certificate

We Hear God's Word to Us

Prayer of Understanding

**Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word.
Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we
may also obey your will. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:6-15, 21-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: What Does Justice Look Like Today?

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me #567

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Offertory Hymn: "We Praise You, Oh God #218

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

We Go In God's Name

**Closing Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" # 509
(Here I am Lord)**

Commissioning and Blessing



April 22 Bringing Kids to Nature!

Our gifts for Mission & Service support inner-city programs for children, like Camp Cosmos run by Montreal City Mission.

An 11-year-old girl has new respect for her 9-year-old brother with special needs thanks to the environmental summer day camp.

Eden Haber, Assistant Director of Camp Cosmos, learned about the experience from their mother. Before the camp, the girl felt ashamed of her brother, says Eden. At the camp she was able to see how he interacted with other campers and how they enjoyed being with him, and her attitude changed. "She came out of the camp saying she was proud to have him as her brother."

This is just one example of how Camp Cosmos brings together children: those with special needs and those without; kids who have lived in Canada their whole lives and refugees who arrived a month ago; children

from different economic backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. “It’s a good opportunity for kids to integrate with other kids,” says Eden.

An environmental focus is fundamental. It’s reflected practically, as the camp tries to achieve zero waste through recycling and composting. “These kids are growing up downtown and don’t have a tangible connection with the environment,” says Eden. The camp provides that. Campers learn through ecological games, organic gardening, outings in nature, and visits to local farms.

Montreal City Mission, through Camp Cosmos, offers children and youth an appreciation of nature and a place to learn leadership skills that will help them become caring adults working for a better world. Mission & Service is the heart and soul of The United Church of Canada.

If you already give, thank you so much. If you do not give, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith! Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.