

Sunset United Church

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Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

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Worship Hosts: Lois Fehler,
Perry & Leslie Erhardt

Reader: Perry Erhardt

Coffee: Trina Hodgson

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Tricia Gerhard 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.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: MV#21 Open Our Hearts **

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Jesus entered the temple and saw how it was being used to oppress the people. Rock is used to build so many structures – physical and organizational- that separate people and keep life from touching us. Sometimes we place our trust in structures rather than in God and in our relationships.

The third rock is placed

The rock of mis-placed trust.

May God's Spirit walk with us.

Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid (two times) ***

Call to Worship:

We have been given the commandments.

How then shall we live?

The ten on the mountain.

The three from Jesus' lips.

The one to go into the world.

How then shall we live?

To keep God's name holy.

To live our lives in the sacred.

To love.

How then shall we live?

How then shall we live?

With all that we have

And all that we are,

We will live lives that reflect

God's grace and God's love.

With all that we have

And all that we are,

We will worship God!

Let all creation shout,

AMEN!

Opening Prayer:

Source of Peace,

God of Creation,

We open our hearts to you,

Knowing that WE are the temple

In which you make your home.

Cast out what needs to be cast out –

Our rules and our regulations

That have nothing to do with your love.

Cast out what needs to be cast out

And fill us with all we need to be filled.

As disciples of the Christ,

As dancers in the Spirit,

As children of the Creator,

We worship together. Amen

Opening Hymn: How Then Shall I Live? ****

(words on screen)

Prayer for Wholeness

Covenant-making God,

You shown us what it means to be your people,

though sometimes we would prefer to be our own people.

We have made idols – of busyness, of possessions, of jobs, of celebrities and politicians, of media, of our own desires.

We speak the words of your commandments, while ignoring their spirit. We have forgotten that you loved us first long before commanding us to live your way. Forgive us...

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace *<*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Conversation time

Hymn: VU#352 I Danced in the Morning (v 1-4) <<>

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-17

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU#695 God is Passionate Life >>**

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: O God, you are both light and love,
You dwell within, below, above,
We thank you for our lives and pray
Your blessings on these gifts today.

Words written by Rev. Lori Erhardt
Tune: Old 100

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn: VU#117 Jesus Christ is Waiting <***>

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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