

# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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**Choir Leader:** Nancy Edwards

**Pianists:** Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

**Worship Hosts:** Verna Bridge, Jean Fellner,  
Gloria & Ed Borisinkoff

**Reader:** Maida Gardner

**Coffee:** Maida Gardner, Gloria Borisinkoff



## MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

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

Please feel free to make the language  
of worship inclusive for you.

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:** #62 MV - *There is Room For All* \*\*

(Words on Screens)

### Lighting of the Candles



### Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: *United Church of Canada*

**Call to Worship\***

We come to you, O God, our River of life:

*May we drink deeply & receive grace*

We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:

*May we trust – may we be strengthened.*

We come to you, O God, our Light of Compassion:

*May we open our hearts to You.*

**Hymn:** #296 – *This is God’s Wondrous World*

*(Words on Screens)*

**Prayer for Wholeness\***

Generous Creator, you paint the wildflowers, you embroider the evergreens, you dance on water and in northern lights – you have created a garden.

*Fierce Desert God,*

*You sting in the wind,*

*The land is dry and forsaken,*

*Life feels fragile – lived in danger.*

Be with us in our choices, O God, when we live in the garden.

Be with us in our choices, O God, when we live in the desert...

*(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**

**Choir Anthem:** *Lonesome Valley*

**Conversation time with Michelle**

**Scripture:** Matthew 7: 13-29

**Reflection**

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn:** #371 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*(words on screens)*

**Our Offerings are Received**

**Doxology:**

words by L. Erhardt

*(words on screens)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (#959)**

**Hymn:** #359 – *He Came Singing Love*

*(words on screens)*

**Commissioning & Blessing**

**Sung Response:** *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

**Postlude**



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