

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,
Don Bennett, Gail Bradley

Reader: Maida Gardner

Coffee: Maida Gardner, Gail Bradley



MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

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 Hymn: *Come, Now is The Time to Worship**
(words on screens)

Lighting of the Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Words to reflect on** (from a squirrel...)

I run around here and there – scurrying, hurrying, rushing.
From tree to tree, I leap and dash.

Would I find just as much food

If I went more slowly

Looked more calmly?

Would I enjoy my life, be more delighted, if I paused and
smiled in going here and there?

Call to Worship:

It is written: “*Be Still and know that I am God.*” May we truly
find ways to slow ourselves down and rest in this moment – in
this place. May it truly be so.

Hymn: #374 - *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*
(words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness^

Guide us, O God, amidst the commercial canyons and the
insistent crowds walking with grim purpose to their workplaces
and shopping places.

In the busyness of the city, teach us to see:

The men & women on the margins

The patches of green hidden in courtyards

The laughter as well as the desperation

The places of healing and prayer

Grant us the ability to open our eyes to all that is around us,
the joy of life with family & friends; the caring that can unlock
our fears and enable us to reach out to this world with love...

(*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: *Lenten Sanctus*

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: *Kum By Yah*

Scripture: **Matthew 6: 19 – 7: 12**

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #150 MV – *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*****
(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: #713 – *I See a New Heaven*
(words on screens)

Commissioning

May we leave the land of silence
May we bring our truth to voice
May hope be ours in every step
May healing flow in every word
May others stand with us in grace
May God grant us peace.

Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



*words & music by Doerksen, Arrangement by Schrader

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