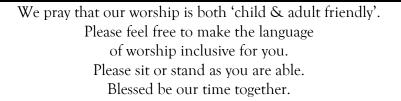
Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



www.sunsetunited.ca May 1, 2016 Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn Worship Hosts: Wes & Connie Staruiala, Carol Spencer, Marilyn Bzdell **Reader:** Nancy Edwards Coffee: Judy Fawell, Marilyn Bzdell MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey



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 Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Words to begin**

We come to the Circle this morning entangled with the worries of our world and our own lives:

The cost to repair the car The images of violence in the News Whether we will like the hymns today Whether there will be a piece of cake for Everyone

Whether the microphones will work...

If only we had had one more hour of sleep; one more cup of coffee; one more week of vacation; one more day in the week. As we roll our shoulders to relieve the stress, we lift our eyes and do our best to "let go and let God"...

May our worship soften the edges of
Doubt. May our voices in song fill the
Very air with grace. May our prayers be
Authentic, heart-felt & healing.
We are here with you. We are together. And we are glad!

Opening Hymn: #222 – Come, Let Us Sing!

Prayer by Morgan Traquair (on page 4)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Conversation time with Michelle & Kathy

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-5

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Special Music

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: words by L. Erhardt (words on screens) Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #150 (MV) – Spirit God, Be Our Breath* (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

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Prayer

(H.M.Traquair 2011/2014)

Spirit of all Creation Hallowed be this place Your healing come Your rivers run To oceans freely once again May all be fed Your bounty shared Lead us now To the wild places Teach us to gather Only what we need

Spirit life within Hallowed be your names Our wisdom come Love's will be done In vision thought and action As we forgive We are forgiven And calmly rest in spirit We are loved And free from fear We are whole We Are I am

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