

# 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:** 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**



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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 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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\*\*adapted from words written by Judith Hanlon in *Before the Amen*, edited by Maren Tirabassi & Maria Tirabassi, ©2007, The Pilgrim Press.

## 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