

# 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:* Bev Punshon,

Joan & Dale Johnston

*Reader:* CaraGay Driscoll

*Coffee:* Joan Johnston, Gayle White

**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:** *Come Just as You Are\**

*(words on screens – sung 2x)*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Choir Anthem: *I Want to Fly*

Opening words\*\*

In the name of the Creator who made us, we celebrate the goodness of our lives.

*In the name of the Christ who came to set  
Us free, we rejoice in the diversity of love  
And of life. In the name of the Spirit who  
Sustains us, we challenge ourselves to  
Grow & to dream.*

God: in your presence we gather. Be among us now!

Opening Hymn: #412 – This Is the Day

Prayer for Wholeness\*\*\*

*Blessed are you, God of the waters  
Moving and hidden, being all that you will be  
Willing all you will: moving & hidden  
You care for the Earth.  
Seep between the rocks that keep us from you  
Nourish our roots & wash away our clay!  
Rise in us, as real as life,  
Abundant, changed & freed...  
(Silent prayers of the heart....)Amen.*

Assurance of God’s Blessing

Our Sung Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle!* (2x)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Hymn: #644 – I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Sacrament of Baptism^

Stettson Benjamin James Mayer  
Son of Benjamin & Alyssa Mayer

Vows of the Congregation:

*We, as a community of fellow believers, promise to care for  
Stettson by our actions and our prayers. We are eager to  
surround him and his family with our love and our care. We  
are, by this affirmation, inseparably bound with him. We  
promise to support and nurture all children, committing  
ourselves as a community to live in love as Jesus did, turning  
away from the murky waters that drag humanity down, to  
the crystal waters that buoy us up. We commit ourselves to  
sharing our faith with Stettson, as, together, we walk with  
God.*

Sung blessing: *Go now in peace*

Scripture: Luke 7: 1-10

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #563 – Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: #191 (MV) - *What Can I Do?\*\*\*\**

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #575 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

## Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

## Postlude



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