# Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada

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November 12, 2017 *Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards *Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn *Worship Hosts:* Tim & Lynn Osborne, Jim & Deenie Wyatt *Candle-Lighters:* Chris Osborne *Reader:* Jim Wyatt *Coffee:* Sharon Frei

## MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'. As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: "God of Grace" VU 686 \* (words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Today we remember. We remember courage and sacrifice. We remember fear and suffering. We remember freedom and those who have preserved it. We remember the terrible cost of freedom. We remember, lest we forget.

Prayer of Approach: O God, at this annual time of remembrance, come gently into our worship this morning that we may know your peace — not the peace of violence ignored and fear repressed, but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

## Opening Hymn: "God! As with Silent Hearts" VU 527 \*\* (words on screens)

#### Prayer for Wholeness:

O God of life and death and life beyond life: when we reflect on the things that make for peace and the things that make for war, we confess that we have too often resorted to violence instead of the hard work of seeking just and fair solutions. At other times, we have been reluctant to hold others to account, and have ignored injustice and even cruelty. Forgive us, and give us courage to seek peace with justice in your world, wherever that may lead us. Amen. Assurance of God's Blessing God's mercy is far wider even than the breadth of our wrongdoing. Thanks be to God!

Our Sung Response: "Spirit of the Living God" VU 376, v. 1 \*\*\* (words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Shalom, Pacem, Peace

Scripture: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Conversation time

Hymn: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" MV 173, verses 1, 2, 4, 5 \*\*\*\* (words on screens)

Scripture: John 7:37-38

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: "Let There Be Light" VU 679 \*<\* (words on screens) Our Offerings are Received Doxology: "We Praise You, O God" VU 218, v. 1 <<\* (words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Remembering those who gave so much, we bring our givings to you, O God. By the power of your transformative Spirit, may they be used to do great good, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: "May the God of Hope" VU 424 >>\* (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

#### Sung Response: Amen!

#### Postlude

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