

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



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MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

Guest Minister: Rev. Liz Mackenzie

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: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered** (sung 3 times)*

(More Voices #14) (words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

One: Jesus often spoke of the great banquet:

All: People coming from east and west and north and south to share in the new reality that God is creating.

One: We are not there yet.

All: Sometimes it seems that there is a long, long way to go; we are travel-worn and discouraged.

One: Today there is a table spread to refresh our souls; it reminds us of the hard way Jesus has already walked, in love for us, and it points to the shining promise of what will be.

All: From east and west and north and south, with sisters and brothers far and near, in faith and in longing, we come. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: *Let Us Build A House (More Voices #1)****
(words on screens) (children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer for Wholeness

One: O God, you love us. That is what your gospel tells us; That is what being your church reminds us. You love us when we follow your way and you love us when we turn away from you. Yet we cannot love ourselves at times. We find it hard to love our neighbours whose ways annoy We forget that we are called to love the stranger, those whose customs and traditions and dwelling places are far from ours.

All: Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts and teach us what true love means...

(Silent prayers of the heart...)

Assurance of God's Blessing

One: People of God, hear the Good News:
We are a loved and forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Taste and See*

Scripture: Luke 17: 5-10

Reflection *“Faith Like A Mustard Seed?”*

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #467 – One Bread, One Body
(words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion*

One: May God be with you.

All: God's Spirit is here among us.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Holy One.

One: Let us give thanks to Creator God, Maker of all.

All: All our thanks, all our praise.

One: When there was nothing, O God,
you were.

Through eons of endless eons,
in ways surprising, complex, and beautiful
you loved all things into being.

And we, human beings,
come so lately to the theatre of your creativity,
give thanks and praise for the wonder of it all—
the things we think we understand
and the mysteries at every hand.

With the awe-struck of heaven and earth, we say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy,
God of loving power,
the universe shines with your glory.
Holy, holy, holy.**

One: Because we long to be in relationship with you,
we give thanks for faith's assurance that you seek us—
to walk with us and fulfill your purposes in us.

We thank you for Jesus,
Spirit-filled and Spirit-led,
who proclaimed the nearness of your sovereign reign
of justice and peace.

**All: Even as we give thanks,
we remember how Jesus was despised and rejected
and put to death for who he was**

and what he did and said.

**We lament what is still in us
that rejects him in our day,
and raises new crosses of pain and despair.**

One: But you, O God, are a persistent lover;
you do not reject us when we turn our backs on you.
You answer our "no"
with the cosmos-shaking "yes" of resurrection,
bringing new life to the barren wastes
we have created.

Therefore, we still gather in the presence of Jesus,
now become for us the Living Christ.
We keep the feast he asked us to keep
in remembrance of him.

In bread broken and wine poured out,
we celebrate the banquet of the age to come.

**All: Life-giving God,
as according to ancient story,
you breathed into the dust of the earth
to make a living soul,
so now, breathe upon these things of earth,
this bread and this fruit of the vine,
that we may enter into the joy of Holy Communion
and know the presence of Christ,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

(The bread is broken.)

The bread that we break
is our sharing in the life of Christ.

(The cup is filled.)

The cup for which we give thanks
is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (said all together)

Life-giving God, through the gifts of your good creation we have been refreshed at your table. May we be united in your love with people of faith around the world to work for peace and justice for all people and all creation. Amen.

Hymn: God Says (More Voices #172)****

(words on screens)

Commissioning

One: As we journey in this life,

All: let us remember where we came from...

One: respect what we are called to do while we are here....

All: and know that we need one another to do it!

Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude



*Opening Prayer and Communion Liturgy by John Moses, Fourth Sunday of Creation Time (The United Church of Canada, 2010), alt.

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