Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



www.sunsetunited.ca October 9, 2016 Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn Worship Hosts: Malita Marshall, Shirley & Maurice Filson Candle-Lighters: Zada & Zack Reader: Shirley Hill Coffee: Jean Cameron



MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey Guest Worship Leader: Terry McKague

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*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements



Call to Worship

Litany for Thanksgiving congregation to respond: *We Offer Our Thanks*

Opening Hymn: #236 Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer for Wholeness:

God of eternal promises, You have gathered us together in this place. You have called us and we have responded. Help us feel your presence and life-giving embrace. May this time of thanksgiving refresh and sustain us. May we find wholeness here. Quiet our hearts. Still our minds. Bring your spirit upon us as we seek to experience your grace and redemption. (time for silent prayer) Amen

Assurance of God's Blessing:

One: God's love is stronger than anything we might face.All: We are made whole through God's love and devotion. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Our Sung Response: Halle, Halle, Halle

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Thank You Lord



Hymn: #278 In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Psalm Reading: Psalm 46 - page 770 in Voices United

Scripture Reading: from the Book of Hebrews

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology:

L. Erhardt

O God you are Amazing Grace. We know you in each time and place. Compassion blesses, Love is sown, May in our lives, Christ's way be known.

Prayer of Dedication: (said together)

O God, You have given abundantly of your blessings. Accept the gifts we now bring, offered with thanksgiving and praise, so that the light of your love may be lived out through us.

Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: #288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Commissioning and Benediction:

(saying together) Now, may the God of Peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, provide you with everything good, that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

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