

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Reader: Nancy Toppings

Coffee: Olive & Bob McLeod

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: "Come, Children, Join to Sing" VU 345*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

This day began while we were yet asleep.

**Christians in Korea and the Philippines
broke the bread and shared the wine.**

Then in China, Russia and India,

Africa and Europe,

Halifax, Ottawa and Winnipeg.

Now we, too, join in celebrating
World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Prayer of Approach:

“In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great family of love throughout the whole wide
earth.” So we sing, and may it be so, O God, may it be so.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *River of Life*

Scripture: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15

Conversation time

Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU 651**

Scripture: John 6:35; 15:1

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together” MV 480***

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow” VU 541****

Prayer of Dedication

We bring these gifts to you, O God, with a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart. Use them, through us, to enhance your new community of justice and shalom. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

May God be with us.

God is with us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Around the world, we gather at table.

Many skin colours, many languages, one faith.

Rich and poor; proud and humble;

Sorrowing and rejoicing; asking and receiving –

All are welcome.

Eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth,
we join with all your people to give you thanks.
**We praise you for all your good gifts:
the work of faithful women and men;
the earth in all its blessing and promise;
and this bread, once scattered,
now brought together and made one.**
In the hope that your people may come together
in your reign of justice and compassion,
we gather with those of every time and place
to proclaim your righteousness, singing:

(MV 203)

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

In his last hours among us, Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an upper room. During the meal, he took bread, blessed it, broke it and offered it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body."
At the end of the meal, he took the cup, blessed it and offered it to them, saying, "Take and drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you do this, remember me."

O God, redeemer of all things, remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus, we offer you our praise as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

(MV 204)

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Now send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world.

**Prayers of the People &
The Prayer of Jesus (sung)**

Breaking and Sharing

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Amen.

(MV 205)

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

Hymn: “Oh, a Song Must Rise” MV 142 *<*

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen!*

Postlude



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