



# 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 O Shea,  
Dave Millar, Olive McLeod

*Reader:* Dave Millar

*Coffee:* Olga Martin

**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey**

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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: "Make a Joyful Noise" VU 820

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God has given this beautiful Earth,  
all that grows and lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

God has gathered us into a community  
of care and worship.

Let us therefore give thanks in song,  
in prayer and in deed.

Together, we join in thanksgiving.

**Prayer of Approach:**

God of love, open us to your Spirit. Open our eyes, that we  
may see the Christ in each other. Open our hands, that we  
may reach out in welcome. Open our hearts, that we may  
love as Christ loves us. God of love, open us to your Spirit.  
Amen.

Opening Hymn: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

VU 227

**Prayer for Wholeness:**

Creative and creating God, we have not cared for this world  
that is both yours and ours. We have fouled its air, dirtied its  
waters and pillaged its resources. Teach us to treasure the  
work of your hands – animal, vegetable and mineral – that  
we may be better stewards of creation and better followers of  
your Way. Amen.

**Assurance of God’s Blessing**

By God’s grace, we are accepted just as we are and empowered  
to be more than we are now.

Thanks be to God!

Our Sung Response: “Lord, Listen to Your  
Children Praying” VU 400

Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *I Thank You, Lord*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Conversation time

Hymn: “Teach Me, God, to Wonder” VU 299

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: “I’m Gonna Shout” MV 183

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: “We Praise You, O God” VU 218, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

With thanksgiving, we bring our gifts of treasure, time and talent. Use them, and us, according to your will, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: “God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty”

VU 310

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen!*

Postlude

