

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: Eileen Ledingham,
Nora & Jim Atcheson

Candle-Lighters: Sarah & Emily Lindskog

Reader: Linda Langenbacher

Coffee: Ken & Gail Fensom

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

Guest Worship Leader: Bryan Tudor



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: #376 Spirit of the Living God
(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: ^

Come on in, you who are up to your eyeballs juggling family and work, and who wonder if there's more to life than that.

Come on in, you who stress over deadlines or over money; you who yearn for deeper connections. Come on in, you who struggle with homework, who are told what to do and how to do it, and who yearn for justice and fairness.

Come on in, you with tired bodies and sore limbs, who seek real meaning in life. Come on in and follow the path that Jesus gave us, the path of kindness and compassion, the way of justice and peace. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Approach: ^

Help us God, for we are not sure if we can follow that path every hour of every day, 24/7. You invite us on the path, but we need strength and courage. Open our hearts and minds, we pray. Quell our fears and dispel our worries, and may we find the time to hear your voice saying fear not and follow me.

Opening Hymn: #517 v 1, 2 & 5 Praise God for the Harvest
(words on screens)

Prayer of Thankfulness and Praise: +

For food, glorious food and those who provide it let us praise God.

For potatoes and pasta, crumbly cheese and juicy tomatoes; for the smell of freshly baked bread, for butter and jam, for peppers and peanuts and perfect pears, for sizzling sausages and bacon strips, for crunchy apples and seedless grapes, let us praise God.

God, we confess we take so much for granted: food when we are hungry, pure water whenever we want it, a roof over our heads and heat from the furnace when it is cold.

We know that you want everyone to have food and water and shelter. Forgive us when we have forgotten that, when we have wasted what you have provided us. Help us always to be mindful of others who need some of the food and fresh water that we have at our disposal.

(Silent prayers of the heart....) Amen.

Our Sung Response: # 958 Halle, Halle, Halle
(words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *With All My Heart*

Conversation time

Hymn: # 563 v. 1 & 4 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(words on screens)

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 The parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge.

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #606 In Christ There Is No East or West
(sung to tune of #344) (words on screens)

Minute for Mission

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: #541 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings
Flow (words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: # 171 MV Christ Has No Body Now But Yours
(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



^ Adapted from the writing of Gord Dunbar in "Gathering", Pentecost 2, 2016 page 35.
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+ Adapted from two separate prayers by Roanoke UMC, Virginia and the Arthur Rank
Foundation, UK - found on re-worship.blogspot.ca/WorldFoodDay