

# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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Sunday, October 23, 2016

*Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards

*Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

*Worship Hosts:* Brittany Dugas,  
Joni & Jeremy Sundeen

*Candle-Lighters:* Lily Sundeen

*Coffee:* Ken and Gail Fensom



**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

Guest Worship Leaders:

Heather Nelson & Shirley May

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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:** #395- *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

*Leader 1:* I will pour out my Spirit on everyone, God says.

*Leader 2:* Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

*Children and youth:* **The grownups will dream dreams.**

*Adults:* **The young will see visions.**

*Leader 1:* In those days, I will even give my spirit to my servants,

*Leader 2:* to both men and women.

*All:* **Pour out your Spirit on us, O God.**

### Prayer of Approach:\*

All the world shouts for joy, O God,

And we have come to join the chorus.

No matter what may have gone on in the world this past week,

We know that you are our God,

And that your love is greater than all else.

We know that you care for the land

And for all people,

And so have come to give you thanks.

Open us to hear your word and take it into our daily living.

Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** #595-*We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

*(words on screens)*

### Prayer for Wholeness: \*

We are imperfect people trying our best to live with respect and

Integrity with our brothers and sisters in creation.

We are imperfect people trying our best to have gratitude,

Compassion and open mindedness.

We are imperfect people trying to live with courage and Inclusiveness.

We are imperfect people trying our best to live with Spirit and joy.

May we know even in our imperfection that when we continue to do our

Best, we are given the opportunity, the strength and the wisdom to do better.

**May we be the ones to make it so.**

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

### Assurance of God's Blessing

Our God is good! Through the limitless compassion of Christ, our sins are forgiven. May we be energized for God's work of justice and peace in the world. Thanks be to God.

**Our Sung Response:** # 958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*

### Passing of the Peace of Christ



### WE LISTEN

**Choir Anthem:** *O Clap Your Hands*

**Conversation time**

**Hymn:** #380 – *She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)*

*(words on screens)*

**Scripture:** Genesis 22: 1-8

Luke 1: 57-66

*Psalm 65 (#782 with Sung Refrain)*

- Sung Refrain: *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed.

**You give heed to prayer; to you all mortals shall come.**

The burden of our sins is too great for us,  
**But you will purge them away.**

- Sung Refrain: *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.*

Blessed are the people you choose  
and bring to dwell in your courts.

**We shall be filled with the blessings of your house,  
your holy temple.**

With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance,  
O God our saviour-

**you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the far-off seas.**

By your strength you make fast the mountains,  
**and gird yourself round with power.**

You still the raging of the seas,  
**and the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the  
peoples.**

Those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your  
wonders;

**the gateways of both morning and evening shout for  
joy.**

- Sung Refrain: *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.*

You visit the earth and water it,  
**you make it very fruitful.**

The waters of heaven brim over their banks,  
**providing us with grain, for so you have prepared the  
land,**

drenching its furrows, settling its ridges,  
**softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with goodness,  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass,  
**and the hills are girded with joy.**

The fields are clothed with sheep;  
**the valleys are decked with wheat,  
so that they shout and sing for joy.**

- Sung Refrain: *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.*

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #634 – *To Abraham and Sarah*  
(words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: #538 – *For the Gift of Creation* (words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #375 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (words on screens)

**Commissioning & Blessing**

**Sung Response:** #375- *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain only)*  
(words on screens)

**Postlude**



\*Whole People of God