# Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



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September 18, 2016 Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn Worship Hosts: Monte Kesslering, Victoria Kesslering Reader: Victoria Kesslering Coffee: Eva & Dawn Kesslering



MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey Guest Worship Leader: Delise Pitman

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 shaking of the rain stick

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Centering: There is Room For All MV 62^ (words on screens)

#### Call To Worship: \*

**Leader:** We are witnesses and storytellers; we are part of the unfolding tale of faith.

All: Precious words and sacred memories are carried by every one of us.

Leader: If we go and tell what we have seen, lived and heard... All: each one of us has a story to tell. Leader: When we risk telling our stories,

All: When we listen and speak,

Leader: When we carefully gather these fragments up... All: We discover that there is good news all over again! Amen

**Opening Hymn:** Each Blade of Grass (Circle of God) MV 37\*\*\* (words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness: \*

O God, Keeper of stories and weaver of dreams: set our voices free. Grant us the courage we need to be tellers of truth and speakers of the sacred. Unstop our ears, that we might recognize the wisdom of fellow travelers in our midst. Empower us with your courage, that we might tell our own stories with confidence and grace.

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

Our Sung Response: It Only Takes a Spark VU 289 (words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



## WE LISTEN

Conversation with children

Scripture: 1 Peter James 3: 13-18

Reflection: Sharing of Faith Stories Jim Wyatt, Barbara Flaten-Orr, Jeff Lindskog

Hymn: We Are Pilgrims VU 595 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6) (words on screens)

### WE RESPOND

Minute For Mission-Marlene Schneider

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: What Can I Do MV 191\*\*\*\* (words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: As a Fire is Meant For Burning VU 578 (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

#### Postlude

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