



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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*Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards

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Wes & Connie Staruiala

*Reader:* Marilyn Bzdell

*Coffee:* Marilyn Bzdell



**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey**

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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.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux and Cree people upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

*Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl*

**Gathering:** #400 – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying  
(words on screens)\*\*\*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

**Words to begin:** (Chinook Blessing Liturgy)\*

We call upon the Earth, our planet home, with its beautiful depths and soaring heights, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it:

*Teach us & show us the way.*

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and friends, who dreamed for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving we call upon them to:

*Teach us & show us the way.*

We call upon all that we hold most sacred, the presence and power of the Great Spirit of love and truth which flows through all the universe...to be with us to:

*Teach us & show us the way.*

**Opening Hymn:** #154 MV – *Deep in our Hearts*  
(words on screens) \*\*\*\*

**Prayer for Wholeness\*\***

Holy One – if we are to live between the river and the wilderness – between Spirit and temptation – give us the strength to remember the name you gave us through the waters.

*If we are “Beloved”, if we are joined to  
You, Bless the day we know it fully.  
And help us hang on through the night  
When nothing like grace seems possible  
And hold us till morning’s light...*

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

**Assurance of God’s Blessing**

**Our Sung Response:** *Halle, Halle, Halle! (2x)*

## Passing of the Peace of Christ



### WE LISTEN

**Choir Anthem:** *One Lonely Night*

**Conversation time with Michelle**

**Hymn:** #577 – *I've Got Peace like a River* \*<\*<br/>(words on screens)

**Scripture:** Luke 18: 31 – 19: 10

**Reflection**

### WE RESPOND

**Hymn:** #509 – *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky* \*<<<br/>(words on screens)

**Our Offerings are Received**

**Doxology:** words by L. Erhardt<br/>(words on screens)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (#959)**

**Hymn:** #575 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*<br/>(words on screens) \*\*\*<\*

Commissioning: #648 in *Voices United* <<  
(words on screens)

## Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

## Postlude



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