

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



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ADVENT 3

Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Pat Wilke,
Tim & Lynn Osborne

Candle-Lighters: Chris Osborne

Reader: Arlene Fehler

Coffee: Sharon Frei



MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

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: #220 MV: *Joy Shines As the Solitary Star****

(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Words to reflect on*

Into our world, as into Mary’s womb;
Into the forgotten places, as into the stable;
Into the homes of the poor, bringing hope;
Into the workplaces of the powerful, bringing compassion;

**Into the communities of the weary,
bringing rest;**

**Into the hearts of the wise,
bringing restlessness;**

**Into our lives and longings, whoever we are...
Come, O Holy One.**

Into our community and into our worship,
Into every sacred place, Christ is coming,
bringing forth love that can transform the world.

Hymn: #74 – *What Child is This?*

Introducing White Gift – Michelle & youth group

**Passing of the Peace of Christ
(children leave for Sunday School)**



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *O Come to Set Us Free*

Scripture:

“The Lord’s ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and groaning will flee away.” – Isaiah 35: 1-10

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.” – Luke 1: 39-56

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #222 – *Come Let Us Sing*

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: words by L. Erhardt
(words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #59 – *Joy to the World* (with our band!)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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