

# 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:* Black Family,  
Don Bennett, Gail Bradley

*Candle-Lighters:* Black Family

*Reader:* Susan Black

*Coffee:* Doug & Cathy Billett



**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.

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: #115 MV- *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things  
New\*\*\**

(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace Candles



Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship\*

The chatter of many voices surrounds us:

Images of the good life lure us from  
Every side. There are so many choices.

So let us be clear – let us be focused:

In many ways God speaks, calling us to  
Love – peace – justice.

Those are the gifts of God. May we be true to the call.  
Come, let us worship our God.

Opening Hymn: #528 – *God of Life*

(Tune: *In the bulb there is a flower*)

Prayer – invitation to pay attention – to give thanks\*\*

To wake from sleep into this day

Is gift enough for thanks

To hear a child's delight in laughter

Is gift enough for thanks

To sip a glass of clean, cold water

Is gift enough for thanks

To watch the sunset paint the sky

Is gift enough for thanks

To share a moment with a friend

Is gift enough for thanks

To feel the comfort of clean clothing

Is gift enough for thanks

To form the words that make a prayer

Is gift enough for thanks

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: *Alleluia, Praise God!*  
(tune: *Amazing Grace*)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Like a Dove*

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: *I am the Church*

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-22

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: #372 – *Though I May Speak*

Our Offerings are Received

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #245 – *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet!*



**Commissioning:** (Julian of Norwich – 1342-1416)

*Rest for the frequently restless.*

*Rest for the easily slighted.*

*Rest for the unjustly treated.*

*Rest for the inwardly disturbed.*

*Rest for the physically pained.*

*Rest for the harshly betrayed.*

*Draw us close when we are in need.*

*Do not let us forget what we can receive.*

## Blessing

**Sung Response:** *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

## Postlude



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