

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

Regina, SK

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Pianists: Shirley Hill & Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Bev & Bosco Hui,

Reader: Shirley Hill

Coffee: Doreen Killoh, Bev Hui

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt & Michelle McConkey

WELCOME TO OUR TRI-CHURCH

COMMUNITY!!

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering Hymn: *Come Just As You Are**

(words on the screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship**

We are a people of the water!

We worship a God whose love flows
Through water.

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the
Delight of children: jumping, splashing,
Spraying each other with wet joy.

Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us. Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead. Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

Hymn: #224 VU – *Sing a Happy Hallelujah!* ***
(words on the screens)

Prayer for Wholeness:

*Spirit of the Living God,
We give you thanks for the gift of
Hayleigh Ann Mercy Franklin.
We pray that all of us gathered into
Community this day will see your image in her.
May our worship today strengthen in each one of us our
commitment to love kindness, to seek justice, and to walk
with an ever-deepening sense of the Holy moments that
surround us...*

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle!*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Sacrament of Baptism[^]

Hayleigh Ann Mercy Franklin
Sister of Matthew & Tia
Daughter of Terralee Franklin

Vows of the Congregation (please sit or stand as you are able)
We, as a community of fellow believers, promise to care for this child by our actions and our prayers. We are eager to surround her and her family with our love and our care. We are, by this affirmation, inseparably bound with her. We promise to support and nurture all children, committing ourselves as a community to live in love as Jesus did, turning away from the murky waters that drag humanity down, to the crystal waters that buoy us up. We commit ourselves to sharing our faith with Hayleigh, Tia & Matthew, as, together, we walk with God.

Act of Baptism & anointing with oil

Hymn: *Go Now in Peace* ****
(*words on screens*)

Special Music: *Shirley Hill & Kevin Petrychyn*

Scripture: Romans 8: 35 - 39

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #460VU – *All Who Hunger* *<*
(words on the screens)

Our Offerings are Received

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Remembering, inviting, celebrating...

Prayer Afterwards: *Holy One – in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that as we leave this place, we will be moved to do what we can to share that same loving spirit with neighbor, with family, with stranger and with all of your beloved creation. May our eyes and our hearts be opened to all those Holy moments that continue to surround us. Join us together now, into one heart, one voice, as we sing the prayer that Jesus invites us to sing:*

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your names.....(#959)

Hymn: #150MV – *Spirit God, Be our Breath* *<<
(words on the screens)

A prayer for the leaving of this place[^]

Keep the song in my soul – let it not lose its music.

*Keep the holy in my soul – let it not
Ignore its source.*

Keep the love in my soul – let it not close in on self.

Keep the light in my soul – let it not forget to shine.

Keep the vision in my soul – let it not lose sight of you.

Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



*Words & music: J. Sabolick – arranged & orchestrated: R. Kingsmore

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