

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: Jamie Scarfe,
Bette & Lawrence Switzer

Reader: Jamie Scarfe

Coffee: Bette & Lawrence Switzer

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

Special Music to begin: *Aaron Hutton*

(O Splendour of God's Glory Bright)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Video: *Equipping a Child for School*

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United Church of Canada*

Call to Worship*

To worship is to listen for the ancient song of creation and to recognize within that song our individual songs.

*To worship is to share these melodies and
Dissonances of our human condition.*

*Our voices vary: some warble, some
Bellow – but the song is universal.*

It is our ode to God, and to the God within us. Let us join hearts and voices and worship God.

Opening Hymn: #289 – It Only Takes a Spark
(words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness*

*God of life & of love,
Some days we don't have any fun.
We seem to believe we don't have time for fun
Nor do we have the energy.
We are too busy trying to figure out our lives
Trying to get caught up
Trying to become better people.
Sometimes we are just trying too hard!*

Gracious God, teach us not to be scared to let go – not to be scared to trust our hearts. Teach us that it is ok to relax. Teach us to be gentle with ourselves and with those around us. May we learn to let go and to let God...

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: #90 MV - Don't Be Afraid***
(words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Footprints in the Sand*

Conversation time with Michelle

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9

Reflection

Special Music: Aaron Hutton
“Holy City”

WE RESPOND

Our Offerings are Received

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #161 MV – *I Have Called You by Your Name*^{**}
(words on screens)

Commissioning[^]

Holy One:
*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



*found in *Touch Holiness*, Edited by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi, ©1990, The Pilgrim Press.

^Written in *Fragments of your Ancient Name*, Joyce Rupp, ©2011, Sorin Books.

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Our Musical Guest today is....

*Award winning singer/actor, **Aaron Hutton** is one of Manitoba's foremost rising stars. A versatile performer with a résumé ranging from Baroque to Contemporary Musical Theatre, Aaron has become a sought after crossover artist. Having been recognized as "a wonderfully talented tenor" (CBC), "exquisite" and a "tenor [that has] exhibited amazing control" (Winnipeg Free Press), he continues to make a name for himself in both the Musical Theatre and Classical music communities across the prairies.*

As gifted as he is, I think of him simply as the son of one of my best friends - and I am thrilled he is here as part of our circle this morning!