

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: Heather & Conway Nelson,
Marin & Carter Nelson

Candle-Lighters: Marin & Carter Nelson

Reader: Heather Nelson

Coffee: Heather & Conway Nelson

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.

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering: *Come Just as You Are**

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, shivering 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, this community once again affirms and celebrates the incredible gift of this child – and the precious gift of life itself. Let us celebrate together!

Opening Hymn: #644 – *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*
*(words on the screens)****

Sacrament of Baptism

**Jacob Dale Jack Bradnam
Son of Danielle (Fraser) & Daniel Bradnam**

The Vows of the Parents

Vows of Congregation: *(please sit or stand as you are able)*

We, as a community of fellow believers, promise to care for Jacob by our actions and our prayers. We are eager to surround him and his family with our love and our care. We are, by this affirmation, inseparably bound with him. We promise to support and nurture Jacob and 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 Jacob, and all children, as, together, we walk with God.

Act of Baptism & anointing with oil

Blessing: *Go Now In Peace*****

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-32

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #567 – *Will You Come and Follow Me?* * < *
(words on the screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: words by L. Erhardt

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #679 – *Let There Be Light*
(words on the screens)

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Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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