

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, Reader, Coffee:

Community Service Committee



MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

Guest Worship Leaders:

Community Service Committee

***Reflection:* Kendra Giles- Housing First Program**

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, now defined 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

Prayer to begin^

Loving and giving God, at the end of winter, we come together as your people seeking hope.

*Some of us are cold, weary & salt-stained;
Some of us are anxious about our lives,
and yet we come – grateful for your light
on our path, and companions on our way.*

Warm and tender Comforter, as winter comes to an end, we pray for ourselves and for others.

*We pray for those who find life difficult &
who need help in re-claiming joy.
We pray for those who are ill, and for
those who care for them.*

We pray for women, men & children who live in fear from violence and hunger – and for those who walk beside them.

*And we pray for discernment that we
might learn how to reach out to a
suffering world around & beyond us.*

Ever-renewing Creator, as winter comes to an end, we sense signs of springtime – lengthening days & hints of snowdrops, hope for warmer days to come; talks of peace in war-torn parts of the world; and promises of hope of change.

*Even in the winter, we sense your
warming presence and pray for
transformation, that we might live with
perseverance, courage & hope.*

Come...let us worship our God:

Opening Hymn: #222 – Come, Let Us Sing****
(Words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness: ***

*Compassionate God, Jesus wept for the people because
of the hardness of their hearts.*

*Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care ever
more deeply for the people of our city, our nation and our
world.*

Transform our caring, we pray, into bread and clean water for
the hungry and thirsty, healing for the sick, homes for the
homeless, and hope for those who hunger and thirst for
justice.

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

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: #191 MV *What Can I Do?******
(Words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Come With Me

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: #563 *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* *<*<
(Words on screens)

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-40

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: *God, with Joy We Look Around Us***
(tune: *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*)
(Words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: #537 *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**<<
(Words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #372 *Though I May Speak* ***<^*
(Words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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