

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: Gayle White, Bev Hui,
Dale and Joan Johnston

Reader: Gayle White

Coffee: Gayle White, Bev Hui

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey

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 Sauteaux, 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: #62 MV *There Is Room for All* **

(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Words to begin*

We come here this morning entangled with the worries of the world and our community:

The cost to repair the car

The images of war & violence from the TV

Whether the microphone will work today

Whether we will like the hymns

What we will find for lunch today

We needed one more cup of coffee...

One more hour of sleep

One more obedient child

One more week of vacation

One more hour in the week...in the day...

As we roll our shoulders to relieve the stress, enable us to begin to let go - and let God. We pray, O Holy One, that this worship may be a softening of the edges of doubt, a tickling of God's great mystery upon our innermost being.

May our voices in song fill the air with

Grace. May our prayers be authentic,

Heartfelt and healing. We are here

Together - and we are glad!

AMEN!

Opening Hymn: #415 - *God, We Praise You for the Morning**** (words on screens)

Sharing the Story of "Me to We" - *Michelle*

Our Sung Response: *Go Make a Difference*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Sacrament of Baptism[^]

Wynn Hendricks Mitchell

And

Sullivan Birch Mitchell

Children of Lisa Whaley & Paul Mitchell

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

We, as a community of fellow believers, promise to care for these children by our actions and our prayers. We are eager to surround them and their family with our love and our care. We are, by this affirmation, inseparably bound with them. 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 Wynn & Sullivan, as, together, we walk with God.

Act of Baptism & anointing with oil

Hymn: #964 *Go Now in Peace*****

(words on screens)

Special Music: *Mark Pitman*

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-49

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #713 - *I See a New Heaven* *<*

(words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology:

words by L. Erhardt

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #575 – *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me!* *◀◀*
(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



*written by Judith Hanlon in *Before the Amen*.

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