



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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May 7, 2017

*Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards

*Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

*Worship Hosts:* CaraGay Driscoll,

Dale & Joan Johnston

*Reader:* Dave Warden

*Coffee:* Bev Punshon, Joan Johnston

**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey**



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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:** *Come Just as you are\**

*(words on the screens)*

**Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles**



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Reflection:**

*"Everyday Contemplation – Thomas Merton"*

Opening Hymn: #135 MV – Called by Earth & Sky \* < \*  
(words on the screens)

**Prayer\*\***

For all the saints who went before us, who have  
Spoken to our hearts & touched us with your fire:

*We praise you, O God.*

For all the saints who live beside us  
Whose weakness & strength are woven with our own:

*We praise you, O God.*

For all the saints who live beyond us  
Who challenge us to change the world with them:

*We praise you, O God...*

(silent prayers of the heart).....Amen!

**Assurance of God's blessing**

Sung Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle! (2x)*

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**



**WE LISTEN**

Choir Anthem: *Lead Me On, O Great Jehovah*

**Sacrament of Baptism^**

*Jacquelin Grace Faye*

Daughter of:

*Mitchell and Carmin Faye*

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

*We, as a community of fellow believers, promise to care for Jacquelin 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 Jacquelin 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 Jacquelin, and all children, as, together, we walk with God.*

Act of Baptism & anointing with oil

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

Scripture: Acts 8: 26-39

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: #161 MV – *I Have Called You by Your Name* \*<<\*<  
(words on the screens)

Our Offerings are Received

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #586 – *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection* \*<\*&#226; (words on the screens)

### Commissioning^^

May we leave the land of silence  
May we bring our truth to voice  
May hope be ours in every step  
May healing flow in every word  
May others stand with us in grace  
May God grant us peace.

### Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

### Postlude



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