

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: Richard Toppings,
Jeff & Leah Lindskog

Candle-Lighters: Sarah & Emily Lindskog

Coffee: Janet McMurtry

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

Gathering: #220 MV – *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star* ^
(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Words to begin Advent*

I believe in the promise of Christmas
and the importance of celebrating in this church.
I believe in the God at the centre of Christmas
whose hope for the world was imagined by
prophets.
I believe in Mary,
who sang of turning the world upside down
and who allowed her life to be disrupted by God.
I believe in Joseph,
whose broken heart broke the rules to do the right
thing.
I believe in the smell of the stable –
I believe there is no place where God will not go.
I believe in the shepherds,
those simple ones open to hear the angel's song.
I believe in the Magi,
the ones outside the faith,
outside the community,
who searched out the Holy.
I believe in Jesus,
born in poverty, soon a refugee, raised in faith,
lived seeking justice, died speaking forgiveness
rose with a love that could not be stopped.
I commit to use this season to seek out the Holy
both in God among us,
and in God beyond us.
I open myself to a journey of great joy that will change my
life.

Opening Hymn: #460 – *All Who Hunger*
(words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ



Celebration of Communion

Words of Invitation

Sharing the bread & the cup

Post Communion Prayer:

*Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven
us so that we may live lives of thanksgiving.*

*For the bread we have eaten,
For the juice we have tasted,
For the life we have received
We thank you.*

*Enable us to move from this meal strengthened, renewed and
re-connected.*

AMEN

(children leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Is Your Heart Prepared For A King*

Scripture: "... you know what time it is. The hour has already come
for you to wake up from your sleep." ~ Romans 13: 11

"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea
announcing, 'Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the
kingdom of heaven!'" ~ Matthew 3: 1-12

Hymn: “As With Madness We Prepare”**

(words on screens; Tune: *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: #191 MV – *What Can I Do?* ^^

(words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

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

Hymn: #44 – *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



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