





# Sunset United Church



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Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,  
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Christ Candle



Call to Worship

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Joy is in the air! Christ is risen!

**We will not find Jesus in the tomb. He is risen!**

Where shall we look?

How will we recognize the risen Christ?

**Look to your neighbours**

**And the strangers in the street.**

**There, we will find the risen Christ! Alleluia!**

On the glorious Easter morning we proclaim:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Opening Prayer:**

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In this moment of mystery,  
In this moment of hope,  
In this moment of life, loving God –  
Open our hearts to the wonder!  
Open our senses to the possibilities!  
Open the tombs we've created,  
And show us that they are empty  
Of what we've come to expect,  
But full of the new possibilities.  
Alleluia! Let it be!

**Anthem:** We Are the Hands of Christ

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:**

Psssst! Wanna know a secret?

**What do you mean?**

I've got the secret to living in peace and harmony.

**Really? What's that?**

Keep your head low 'cause life is dangerous.

You know that game 'whack-a-mole'?

**Yeah, we've heard of it.**

Well, life is like that.

If you stick your head up too high,

You'll get whacked by life.

The solution?

Keep your head down.

Keep a low profile.

Don't tell anyone what you're doing,

And you'll be safe.

But what if we're being asked to tell others about  
Jesus?

What if we're supposed to tell the story of  
resurrection hope?

Too dangerous! Keep out of it.

Let someone else do it.

You mean keep it to myself?

That's right! It's safer that way.

We're unsure. We need a minute to think about it.

*~ Silent Prayer and Reflection ~*

So, what do you think?

No dice. Sure, life is dangerous

But so is breathing.

What could possibly be worth the risk?

The kin-dom of God is worth the risk.

Jesus showed us the way, for he turned the world  
upside down.

He risked everything:

His ministry, his friends, his life.

On that third morning, he rose and changed the  
world.

So what? What does that have to do with you?

Jesus showed us that living in self-giving IS life.

Without depth of relationship, life is worthless,

No matter how safe and secure.

Really?

Yes! In that forgiving relationship, we find new life.

You want to hear more?

You want to know the story?

I could be forgiven, too?

We are all forgiven.  
We are all given new life.  
That's why we worship. That's why we love.  
Give thanks!

Sung Response: VU#167 Christ is Risen from the Dead \*\*\*\*

Passing the Peace



## WE LISTEN

Anthem: Mary Mary

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV# 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! <<

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Reflection

Hymn: VU#186 Now the Green Blade Rises <<\*

## WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks  
(chorus only) <<\*\*

Prayer

Prayer Action

Sung Lord's prayer (VU#959)

**Anthem:** Hallelujah Resurrection Day

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**



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