



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

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We are here on this Easter season Sunday,
Celebrating our faith,
Celebrating our dispersed and yet connected
Community,
And celebrating life and ministry of Christ.
This candle here reminds us
That the love and life of this place,
Is bright and present.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Hymn: MV#14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered*

*Where two or three
are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.*

Opening Prayer

Christ, who lives within us,
Calls to us as welcome guests.

**We come together in our isolation,
From our work and our hobbies,
From our zoom meetings and our phone calls,
To worship the One who accompanies us
Through this time.**

The Spirit who leads us,
Gathers us into community.

**We come together despite our fears,
Our worries, our doubts,
To worship the One who re-forms
Our perceptions for Love.**

The God who covenants with us
Nurtures us with grace.

**We come together out of our need,
Our hope, our trust,
To worship the One who roots us in new life.**

We come as humans yearning for the Divine.

We come together in faith.

Let's pray together:

**Give us your silence, O Spirit, to listen.
Grant us your wisdom, O God, to hear.
Open your revelation, O Christ, to us today.
May you bless our worship this morning,**

**That we may be filled with courage and hope.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU#415 God, We Praise You For The Morning.**

1. *God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.*

2. *God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.*

3. *God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.*

4. *God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.*

5. *God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.*

6. *Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!*

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid***

*Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.*

WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#122 This is the Day ****

*This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!(2x)*

*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad!(2x)*

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35

Reflection

Special Music

WE RESPOND

Dedication of gifts

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (sung
VU#960)

Hymn: VU#184 As We Walked Home at Close of Day *****

- 1. As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped, he carried on.*
- 2. "Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.*

*We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal"*

3. *We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.*

4. *No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise.
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.*

5. *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead!*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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