



Sunset United Church



April 28th, 2019 – Easter 2

Special Appeal: Rainbow Youth Center

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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: MV#130 Rise Up, Rise Up **

Lighting the Christ Candle



Opening Prayer:

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In Christ's communion,
There are seekers and believers,
Wonderers and wanderers,
People of certainty,
And people of uncertainty

People on Christ's way.

In Christ's communion,
There are Marthas and Marys
Peters and Thomases,

Disciples of every kind –

People on Christ's way.

Stop and take notice

Of the people gathered today.

Many faces. Many possibilities.

Many questions and answers.

Many hopes and dreams and doubts.

Christ's communion.

People on Christ's way.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

From empty tombs

To appearing bodies;

From people who are lifted from the dead

To miracles of abundance –

You are unknowable, God!

Help us to touch the untouchable.

Help us to know the unknowable.

Help us to believe the incredible.

And, Holy One, love us into completeness

This wonderful season of Easter.

Amen.

Hymn: VU#187 The Spring Has Come ***

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Light pierces the shadows,

The tomb is empty,

And Christ is alive and among us.

A new beginning is taking shape.

The shadows of pain, violence, injustice

And death are being replaced.

Too often, God,
We stand silent in the face of great change.
We are afraid to believe it is possible or true.
We prefer to cling to our pain
Because we understand that.
We don't understand resurrection.
Forgive our unbelief and stand beside us
As we learn to shout: Christ is alive, Alleluia!
Amen

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle ****

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#156 Dance with the Spirit <<

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Reflection – Rainbow Youth Center

Hymn: MV#212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name <<*

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

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

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

Hymn: VU#641 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (v.1, 2, 4)
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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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