

Sunset United Church

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We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Metis homeland. May we live with respect on this land and with its peoples.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

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

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

From the places where the sun first rises,
To the places coloured by the northern lights,
To the places where the sun last sets,

From sea to sea to sea
we gather together,
each in our own places,
each speaking our own languages:
Japanese and Cree,
Salish and English,
and many more.

We gather together,
To listen deeply.
To speak our truth,
confident:

We are not alone.

Opening Prayer:**

We breathe and know that you are God,
United as your people in this place.

We *breathe* and know that you are God,
filling us with your breath of life.

We breathe *and know* that you are God,
**even in our inevitable moments of
exhaustion.**

We breathe and know that *you are God*,
not us, not us.

We *breathe and know that you are God.*

**We breathe and know that you are God.
Amen.**

Hymn: MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts *<*

Prayer for Healing*:**

Sung response: VU#411 O God We Call *<<*

Loving God...

...calming embrace

Sung response: VU#411 O God We Call

Compassionate God...

...healing presence.

Sung response: VU#411 O God We Call

Living God..

...here God.

Sung response: VU#411 O God We Call

Assurance of God's Blessing

Passing of the Peace of Christ



WE LISTEN

Conversation time with Michelle

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide *<<<*

Scripture: Mark 6: 3- 13; 30-44

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: MV#28 God of the Bible *<<<<*

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer <<**

Prayer of Dedication

Communion****

We saw them in the boat, Jesus and his friends.

We saw them in the boat,

lifted the skirts of our rags and ran,

ran ahead,

ran to that deserted place where his boat

would come.

He had compassion for us.

Compassion for us...

...now sell ourselves.

And he has compassion

for us - and so we run here,

risking faith, daring hope.

It grows late.

Our hunger grows in this deserted place.

**His inner circle would send us away like
children,**

**send us, with our empty pockets to buy
something to eat.**

But!...

We who are empty know

miracles need hope.

We who have nothing

turn to the one who has compassion for us.

And, in this deserted place, he finds green grass.

In the hunger of this wilderness,

**We ate,
and were filled and more!
There was more!**

There was more:
He broke bread with us
And the deserted place
Became the Kingdom of Plenty.
He ate with us,
We nuisances and nobodies,
And there was bread -
 let there be bread!
And there was fish -
 let there be fish!
And there was plenty.
Where he is, there is plenty.

Pour out your Spirit...
 ...remember me.”
 **And there was plenty
 Where he is, there is plenty.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God! Amen!

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion:

Emboldened by this feast, we who saw the deserted place
become the pasture of plenty. We whose empty bellies tasted
bread and fish.

**Now dare hope! Now risk faith!
Now reach for the fringe, for at the fringe
we shall be healed. Hallelujah!**

Hymn: MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath <<<*

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response

Postlude



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