

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

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: MV#62 There is Room for All ***

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Opening Words* taken from *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations*
written by Richard Wagamese

Hymn: The House of our God (words on screens) ****

Prayer seeking Reconciliation**

God who welcomes all, we gather together from diverse paths.

Sometimes we wander – we get lost in the rough
places of our lives.

In those times, you call to us. We hear your voice and we are found.

May we create in this place a sacred home for all – the saint, the sinner, the lost and the found. Hear in us our silent prayers...

Mysterious God, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. There is no part of us that you do not know and love.

Sometimes we want to hide from you and each other. We are afraid we won't be accepted.
But you welcome us as we are. May this church be a place for everyone no matter where their journey has taken them or will take them.

Hear us in our silent prayers...

God of infinite diversity, we come as unique individuals sharing common stories.

And yet our paths diverge and we live in different realities.

Sometimes we ignore the stories of others who seek a safe place. We ask them to keep their struggles to themselves and just fit in.

Teach us how to love without condition. May we open this space to wonder and our hearts and minds to embrace and be open to all you have created. Hear us in our silent prayers...

Words of Grace

Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace *****

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

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

Scripture: Genesis 21

Reflection

Hymn: MV#120 My Soul Cries Out *<<*

WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: VU#540 Grant Us, God, the Grace *<<<*

Prayer

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

Hymn: VU#266 Amazing Grace <<*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



*Embers: *One Ojibway's Meditations*. Richard Wagamese.
Douglas and McIntyre Ltd: BC, 2016.

**prayer adapted from one written by Joanne Anquist,
McDougall UC, Calgary, AB. Found in *Gathering. Pentecost
1 (2018) Year B*, page 37.

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