Tri Church Worship @ Sunset United Church

August 25th, 2019 – Proper 16C

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

Choir Director: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: MV#7 Gather us In

Lighting the Christ Candle

This is the light of Christ, a promise of Love.

This light shines for us, and for all of creation. For this we give thanks.

Call to Worship

People of God, why are you here?

We hope for a glimpse of the goodness of God, Expressed in word and deed in this place.

Followers of Jesus, what is your greatest fear?

That our prayers do not rise, but fall to earth unheard.

Children of God, what does your heart desire?

We want to know that we are not alone, that God is with us.

God has sent the Spirit of Truth to assure us of all these things and more.

God is seen. We are heard. God is with us! Thanks be to God!
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God, when the twelve asked Jesus To "teach us how to pray,"

Would you teach us how to listen?
Would you teach us how to live?
Would you teach us how to love?
Would you teach us how to be
The people you created us to be
Because sometimes, we need your help.
Amen.

Hymn: VU#661 Come to my Heart

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:
Ever present one,
Prayer is hard.
We struggle to find the words,
We wonder if we are doing it wrong,
We compare our prayers to that of others,
And in our struggle,
We give up.
It's easier to just not.

The same is true of many things in life. Forgive us for taking the easier route. Forgive us for avoiding the challenge Of living our faith through word and action. Help us to remember That you hear us and see us Just as we are, And that we are loved unconditionally.

- Silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Special Music: A Prayer of Need (played by Shirley Hill)

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#400 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Scripture: Psalm 63: 1-8

Luke 11: 1-10

Reflection

Hymn: MV#157 I Am a Child Of God

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

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

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

Hymn: VU#664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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