



# Sunset United Church

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We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saukteaux, 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#21 Open Our Hearts \*\*\*

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Opening Words

To all who are lost, God says -

**I have called you by your name.**

**You are mine.**

To all who are confused, Gods says -

**I have called you by your name.**

**You are mine.**

To all who have forgotten, God says -  
**I have called you by your name.**  
**You are mine.**

To the broken and the whole,  
To the hungry and the full,  
To the stranger and the friend,  
To all people everywhere, God says -  
**I have called you by your name.**  
**You are mine.**

To God's call, we listen.  
**At God's call, we respond.**

With worship.  
**With love.**

For we are called.  
**We are named.**

We are loved.

**Opening Prayer:**

As we gather at the font,  
As we wander in the rain,  
As we dive deep into our call,  
We remember that You have baptized us, Creator!  
With your hope.  
With your Spirit.  
With your Love!  
May your covenant reminder,  
Live in our hearts,  
Live in our words,  
Live in our lives,  
Today. Always. Let it be!

**Hymn: MV#161 I have Called You By Your Name \*\*\*\***

**Prayer seeking Reconciliation\*\***

Holy Mystery, you tell us that we are your Beloved children.

**But there is a part of us that wonders if we are worthy of such a designation.**

You call us by our names, you claim us as your own.

**And we wonder if there is another shoe about to drop, some payback that will be required.**

You challenge us to not be afraid, for you are with us in all aspects of life.

**And yet there are times when we are sure we have been forgotten when we are afraid, when we are unsure how to live as your Beloved...**

- *Time of silent reflection* -

**Words of Grace**

**Sung Response: MV#115**

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New \*\*\*\*\*

**Passing the peace**



**WE LISTEN**

**Sharing the Story**

**Sacrament of Baptism: *Matthew Bryan Rittwage***

*Son to Ryan and Heather Rittwage*

*Brother to Hope, Owen, Chase, Hayden and Luke*

**Hymn: MV#144 Like A Healing Stream \*-\***

**Scripture: Matthew 3**

## Reflection

Hymn: VU#644 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry \*+

## 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#230 Heaven is Singing for Joy <<\*\*

### Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude



\*Prayers adapted from ones written by The Very Rev. Richard Bott, found on [liturgy.richardbott.com](http://liturgy.richardbott.com)

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