





# Sunset United Church



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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**

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

This Advent we take this season of waiting,  
Waiting for someone to gift us  
With the kind of neighbourhood  
We want to live in,  
And we turn it into a season of action:  
Of living the way we want the world to be.



The gift I would most like to give you is Peace,  
Peace that comes from using  
Our own power and privilege  
As a positive force in the world.

**May we be good neighbours.**  
**May we have and live peace.**  
**May we have and share hope.**

**“Thank you, God. Amen.”**

**Sing: MV#220 Hope Shines as a Solitary Star**

Peace shines as a solitary star,  
Faith is the inner light.  
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights  
And illumine the pathway home.

**Call to Worship**

We come to prepare the way;  
**The way for Christ –**  
The hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –  
**To enter our world,**  
**To enter our hearts.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:  
**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

We come to be part of the light –  
**the light that shines in the darkness.**

May it be so,  
**Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy One,  
We long for your peace,  
And trust in your promise;  
We hear your call to turn toward you,  
To change our lives and to welcome you in.  
Meet us here and  
Fill our minds with your wisdom  
And our hearts with your preace,  
That our worship together  
May open us to the challenge  
Of your dream of wholeness for all.  
In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray.  
Amen.

**Hymn:** VU#1 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 2,4,6)

## **Sharing the Story**

**Hymn:** VU#7 Hope is a Star (verse 1,2)

### **Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:**

**Source of Life,**

**Your prophets instruct us:**

**“Prepare the way!**

**Make straight paths for God”**

**And yet,**

**We seek out ways to keep you**

**And others from reaching us.**

**We build walls,**

**We keep silence,**

**We ignore injustice,**

**We make paths that loop and turn,**

**Rather than straight ones**

**That lead straight to us and our being.**

**Forgive us.**

**Help us to hear the words of John**

**As he calls for us to turn around,**

**To turn around to a new way of being.**

**A new way of loving.**

**Hear us as we offer to you**

**Our own silent prayers:**

*- Silent reflection -*

## **Words of Assurance**

**Sung Response:** VU#34 Come Now, O God of Peace

## **Passing the Peace**



## **WE LISTEN**

**Anthem: Silence to Song**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Matthew 3: 1-12

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** VU#18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

## **WE RESPOND**

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

**Hymn:** VU#55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4)  
**Prayer**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

**Hymn:** VU#964 Go Now in Peace

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**

