



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Choir Leader:* Nancy Edwards

*Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

*Worship Hosts:* Jean Cameron,  
Joan Donison, Joan Shepherd

*Candle-Lighters:* Jack & Evan Hansen

*Reader:* Joan Donison

*Coffee:* Joan Shepherd, Jean Cameron

**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Tricia Gerhard and Michelle McConkey**

**Guest Worship Leader: Delise Pitman**

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We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: VU#374: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

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Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Jesus wandered in the wilderness and was tempted. In that wilderness, he encountered rock and stone. They are the landscape of a harsh environment. As we enter Lent, we intentionally acknowledge the harsh reality of pain and suffering in our lives and in the world...though the temptation is to avoid suffering and pain.

*The first rock is placed*

The rock of temptation  
**May God's spirit be with us.**

**Response:** MV#90 *Don't be Afraid (two times)* <<<

**Prayer of Approach\*:**

To you, O God, we lift up our souls,  
**and we will follow in your paths.**  
To you, O God, we lift up our souls,  
**and we will be led by your truth.**  
To you, O God, we lift up our souls  
**and we will learn of forgiveness.**  
Your paths are steadfast love,  
**and we will travel in them forever. Amen**

**Opening Prayer \*\***

**Loving God,  
We want to be your rainbow people.  
When we forget you, God, forgive us.  
When we forget our friends, forgive us.  
When we break promises, forgive us.  
When we care not for our fragile planet Earth, forgive us.**

Your rainbow is a promise of forgiveness.  
Help us know we are forgiven.  
Amen

Opening Hymn: MV#154 *Deep in Our Hearts* <<<<

Passing of the Peace of Christ

## WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Give Thanks*

Conversation time

Hymn: VU#352 *I Danced in the Morning* (verse 1 and 2) <<>

Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17

Reflection

## WE RESPOND

Hymn: MV#138 *My Love Colors Outside the Lines* >\*>

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: VU#541 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
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Prayer of Dedication \*\*\*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

VU 916 (Words on screens) >\*\*

Hymn: VU#298 *When You Walk From Here* (2x) \*#\*

Commissioning & Blessing\*\*\*\*

Let us go from here as a people of the covenant.

**We go as God's rainbow people.**

Go, seeking to be open to reminders of God's covenant.

**We go as God's rainbow people.**

Go, seeking to be open to the spirit and to show God's love to others.

**We go as God's people. Amen**

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

Postlude



\* *Prayers for All Seasons: Year B*, Seasons of the Spirit Collection: Wood Lake Publishing.

\*\* *Worship for All Seasons II: Selections from Gathering - Year B*; 2005, United Church Publishing House.

\*\*\* *Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners Lent-Easter 2018 Year B* and *Worship for All Seasons II: Selections from Gathering - Year B*; 2005, United Church Publishing House.

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