





# Sunset United Church



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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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## WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: MV62 There is Room for All

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

With what shall we come before our God?

**God has already told us what is good.**

Shall we come with gifts and offerings?

**God wants us to do justice.**

What does the Lord require of us?

**God wants us to love kindness.**

What does the Lord require of us?

**God wants us to walk humbly with God.**

Come then, let us worship God.

Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

## **Opening Prayer**

Hear us Holy One

You created each one of us in your image and you have stamped each human person with unique qualities.

Remind us that when we speak out for justice, mercy, and compassion we are showing your nature to the world.

As we worship today, help us celebrate your image as we find it in all human beings.

Amen.

## **Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

Divine Mystery,

we remember those who have been enslaved:

for over 400 years, more than 15 million people were the victims of the transatlantic slave trade.

During that time human beings filled with your image were bought and sold, treated as property, and considered to be less than human.

Forgive our ancestors, God.

**Response:** VU 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children

We remember the families that were broken by enslavement.

We recall the parents who never saw their children.

We recall the family ties that were broken because of forced separation, the tears that were shed, the bitterness caused, and the hurts that continue.

Have mercy on those who were damaged by these actions.

**Response:** VU 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Holy One, we know slavery still exists today.

We pray for the women who have been sold into slavery for their bodies, we pray for the children who are sold into slavery to escape poverty, and we remember persons who are enslaved because of their addictions.

Show us a better way, God.

**Response:** VU 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

We are not blameless, Divine Mystery, we pause to ponder the ways our world continues to treat others based on the financial profit we can derive from them:

the persons who work in poor conditions and who are underpaid, the children who are forced to work and receive less than minimum wage, the migrant workers who are exploited.

Send your Spirit of healing and wisdom into this broken world, God, and help us recognize your image in all people.

**Response:** VU 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Passing the Peace**

## **WE LISTEN**

**Anthem:** Ain't Got Time to Die

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn:** VU 266 Amazing Grace

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 1:26-28

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** VU 699 Live into Hope of Captives Freed

**WE RESPOND**

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 691 Though Ancient Walls

**Benediction and Commissioning**

**Postlude**