



Sunset United Church



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Black History Month

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"The only tired I was, was tired of giving in"
Rosa Parks, African American Civil Rights Activist

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Candles



Hymn: MV#2 Come All You People ***

Call to Worship *

Have you not known the God of the downtrodden:
The God of Hagar and Ruth and Paul?

Yes, we know this God

And surely this God knows us.

Have you not heard the gospel of the oppressed:
The story of liberation, freedom and salvation?

Yes, we have heard this story

And surely this story lives in us.

We know and we have heard that God is good

All the time!

And all the time,

God is good. Amen!

Opening Prayer: **

God of love, peace and unity,

We thank you for welcoming us all just as we are;

For making us equal as your children

From all corners of the earth;

And for giving us your blessings as your children;

And for making us belong.

We pray that you help us realize that we are

All made in your image, and we need to bring peace

To all your creation as one people who belong to you.

We ask all this through Christ our sibling. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU#372 Though I May Speak ****

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

The gospel is for all people,

Yet sometimes we hide the gospel

Keeping the good news to ourselves.

Sometimes we proclaim our own version of the story;

A version that excludes

Those who challenge our comfortable understandings;

A version that does not remind us of our complicity

With forms of human oppression.

Forgive us, God, when we change history to feed our egos.

Forgive us when we celebrate an end result,

Without remembering the long and difficult journey.

Forgive us, God.

-Silent Prayer-

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Instrumental Duet: Sanctuary (Shirley Hill/Kevin Petrychyn)

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#646 Siahamba (English only) *****

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Luke 4: 21-30

Reflection

Hymn: MV#174 Soil of God <<

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#538 For The Gift of Creation <<<<
Prayer

Prayers of the Community

The Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

Hymn: VU#333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **<<

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



* Prayer written by Alydia Smith, found in the United Church worship resource: *God's Glory Cannot be Hidden*.

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