





# Sunset United Church



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## WE GATHER

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: MV2 Come All You People**

**Christ Candle**

The light of understanding,

The light of compassion,

The light of community are all

Represented by the light that shines out

From this candle.

Let that light illumine our lives, our worship,

And our way forward,

As we gather as God's people.

**Call to Worship**

As Jesus came out of the water,

A voice from the skies said,

**“This is my son, my beloved,**

**With whom I am very pleased.  
Listen to him!"**

As Jesus sat at table  
He said to those gathered around,  
**"You are my friends,  
For I have told you everything  
God has told me."**

At the font and at the table  
We meet Christ.  
In the church and in the world,  
We meet Christ.  
In our tears and in our laughter,  
We meet Christ.

**In the sacraments, in the love,  
In the meeting, in this community,  
We worship God.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Christ of our hearts,  
Christ of our lives –  
As a baby, you reminded us of new life,  
As a teen, you reminded us of God's wonder,  
As an adult, you reminded us of God's love.  
In this time and place,  
We ask you to help us  
To live that life,  
That wonder,  
That love –  
And to carry it boldly  
Into all God's creation.  
In your name and by your love, we pray.  
Amen.

**Hymn:** VU#384 The Lone, Wild Bird

**Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:**

Holy One, you tell us that w4e are your Beloved children.

**But there is 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 triumph and tragedy.

**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...**

- *Silent reflection* -

**Words of Assurance**

God speaks through the Prophet Isaiah saying to the nation and to the individuals: “You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you.” God’s grace leads us through life, sustaining and emboldening us.

**We are God’s beloved ones! Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

**Sung Response:** MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I am

Passing the Peace

**WE LISTEN**

Special Music

Sharing the Story

**Hymn:** MV#46 Bless the Lord

**Scripture:** Isaiah 42: 1-9  
Matthew 3: 13-17

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** MV#163 River Running in You and Me (v. 1-3, 7)

**WE RESPOND**

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

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

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

**Hymn:** MV#135 Called By Earth and Sky

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**