



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

Hymn: VU#402 v.1 We are One as We Come *
We are one, as we come, joyful to be here,
In the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is
near.
We are one, as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
And we come needful of God's grace as we meet
together in this place.

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Call to Worship

John turned the world of the people of his time upside down;
He called for dramatic change
And the people responded.
Is his call coming to us and our time?

To seek calm within the rush and struggle,
To seek the spirit-life
Amongst the getting and the spending,
To seek the downtrodden and support them,
To seek compassion where there is hurting.

Are we ready to go down into the waters of renewal?

John is beckoning.

Let us worship.

Gathering Prayer:

God, where do I find myself

When the Christmas angels disappear

And no longer sing of peace and good will?

When the shepherds go back to their flocks

And the magi return to the east?

Where do I find myself now,

When the Christ Child has outgrown his manger bed?

Jesus calls us to join him at the River Jordan,

To receive the Holy Spirit with him.

May I find myself at the river, beside Jesus, today. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: MV#161 I Have Called You by Your
Name ****

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

God, you tell us that we are your Beloved people.

But there is part of us that wonders if we are worthy
of such a designation.

You call us by your names, you claim us as your own.

And we wonder if there is another show about to
drop,

Some payback that will be required.

You challenge us not to be afraid, for you are with us in joy and challenge.

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 ones

-silent prayer-

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Anthem: Sanctus

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#577 I've Got Peace Like a River ***

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Reflection

Hymn: VU#644 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry ****

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#402 We Are One As We Come v.2 *
Prayer

Prayers of the Community
The Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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