



# Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Metis homeland.

May we live with respect on this land and with its peoples.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: MV#21 Open Our Hearts \*\*

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles

Call to Worship\*

When we come to this place,

What are we looking for?

When we gather together,

What do we hope to find?

**Community?**

**Caring?**

**Christ?**

When we come to this place,  
What are we bringing?  
When we gather together,  
What do we hope to offer?

**Our loves?**

**Our lives?**

**Ourselves?**

Whatever you are looking for,  
Whatever you bring, know this:  
This is God's home,  
You are God's beloved,  
And you are welcome here.

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Still Speaking God,**

**We know you are calling out to us,**

**Calling us by name.**

**We yearn to hear your voice.**

**Whether it be whispered on the wind,**

**Or crashing with the thunder,**

**Or sung in the melody of the birds,**

**Help us to tune our ear to you.**

**May this time of worship and song,**

**Allow us to open ourselves to your voice,**

**So that we might hear our names**

**And live into your call.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: VU#299    Teach Me, God, To Wonder**

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Prayer seeking Reconciliation  
So often, Holy One,  
We find it easier to selectively listen,  
Than to admit we hear your call.  
For times we confuse your voice  
In the noise of the world,  
Forgive us.  
For the times we choose  
To ignore your voice,  
Because it's too challenging,  
Forgive us.  
For the times we deny  
That it's you we hear,  
Forgive us.  
Forgive us and free us  
So that we might confidently  
In the quiet of these moments,  
Holy One,  
Hear the prayers of our beings,  
And help us to break down the barriers  
That separate us from you...  
(*Silent reflection*)

Words of Grace

Sung Response: MV#101 Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts \*\*\*\*

Passing the peace

## WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20)

Reflection

Hymn: MV# 161 I Have Called You By Your Name < \*\*

WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation << \*\*

Prayer

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

Hymn: VU#509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky \*\*>

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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