



Sunset United Church



March 1, 2020 - Lent 1

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Invitation

Opening Hymn: MV14 When Two or Three are Gathered

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Call and Prayer

Come in as one family,

One family of faith.

We come to listen to God,

To be filled with the Holy Spirit's passion,

To be moved to a journey

of discovery in Jesus.

God invites you to form a community,

To choose your identity as a covenant people.

We come for God's blessing,
A blessing that transforms and renews,
A blessing that is a challenge to live.

Let us worship God together as we pray:

Loving God, who equips us for the journey,
But even more, accompanies us on the way,
Bless us as we enter into your story,
That we may know with our hearts
And feel with our minds,
That we may become more fully enlivened
in you. Amen.

Hymn: MV12 Come Touch our Hearts

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

During the season of Lent,
We focus, in part, on our relationship with God.
Confession is one of our relational avenues
For turning back to God.
Confession is the means by which
We look deeply inside to discover the ways
Love has been blocked by our self-interests.
Confession is our way of opening our heart
Unreservedly to God.
Let us invite God's healing love
To soften our hearts,
Opening the way for wholeness.
By offering our prayers:

**Holy Mystery, Divine presence
There are some things
I can only share with you,
Holy one, decisions I have made that I regret,
Bringing brokenness into my living.**

I offer my brokenness to you as confession.
I open myself to you,
Asking for renewal and for wisdom.
Hear the prayers of my deepest self
In my silent prayer.

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: VU619 Healer of our Every Ill
(refrain only)

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: This Won't Get Me Down

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU365 Jesus Loves Me

Scripture: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
Matthew 4: 1-11

Reflection

Hymn: VU113 To the Desert Jesus Came

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Offering Prayer

Loving and generous God,
We have been blessed in so many ways.
We now return a portion of your gifts,
Use them for the work of your church,
Multiply them and share them with those in
need.

By your grace, make our lives
a testament to your love. Amen

Lenten Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn: VU427 To Show by Touch and Word

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude