



Sunset United Church



March 22nd , 2020– Lent 4A

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Invitation

Opening Hymn: MV14 Where Two or Three are Gathered

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

On this fourth Sunday of Lent

We come seeking God

In this time of uncertainty

In our lives and our world,

We come seeking God.

Quieting our minds, opening our hearts,

And waiting for the divine mystery

To make itself known,

We come seeking God.

Opening Prayer

In the beauty of this place,
We come to pray, to worship,
And to receive healing and hope.
We come the struggles and triumphs
Of the week,
Needing to feel the soothing presence of God.
Holy One, be with us today,
Calm and soothe our souls.
We rejoice in this special place
You have provided for us,
Where we gather to talk
Of your presence and your love,
To sing your praises and to be empowered
To go into our lives with love and compassion.
Amen.

Hymn: VU371 Open My Eyes

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 One,
We confess that we fail to question our own
sightlessness.
Being so sure that we “see,”
We miss the truths you would teach us.
With your love, cure this blindness.
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,
Our own faults and regretted actions.
Make our less than positive side known to us
And help us to find ways to turn it around.
For it is only when we see ourselves clearly
That we can worship and live fully.
Knowing you hear us, we offer our prayers
- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

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

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem:

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU605 Jesus, Teacher Brave and Bold

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
John 9: 1-41

Reflection

Hymn: MV161 I Have Called You by Your Name

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Offering Prayer

Lenten Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn: MV172 God Says

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude