

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: MV#18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

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Lenten Candle Liturgy



Opening Prayer:

We gather, God, knowing you are here.

We invite you

To fill our hearts with passion,

To fill our minds with compassion,

To fill this place with love.

We ask for your guidance

As we live into your Call.

Help us to see you,

In the faces and words and actions

Of the community gathered today.

In Christ's name, we ask these things.
Amen.

Hymn: VU#356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom **

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Loving One,
There are days where we feel
Like the barren fig tree,
Empty and waiting for life to burst forth.
Instead of seeking ways that nourish us,
We give in to quick fix solutions
That offer full life,
And yet leave our branches bare.
Help us to seek out deep rich soil
That not only nourishes
But offers stability.
As we do that, help us to be
Rich soil for others,
Resisting the temptation to
Prune and cut back those branches
That seem not to give fruit.
Forgive us our impatience,
And open us to trusting not in our time
But in creation time,
Knowing that growth can be slow.
Hear us as we offer our prayers for growth
And forgiveness now...

-time of silent prayer-

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#96 And When You Call for Me ***

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Anthem: May I Be Still

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#156 Dance with the Spirit ****

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9

Reflection

Hymn: VU#703 In the Bulb there is Flower <

Offering Collection and Dedication

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

Welcoming New Members

Statement of Purpose

Commitment of New Member

Commitment of the Community

People of Sunset United:

I invite you to welcome these new members of
our community by speaking the words of this
promise:

**As your faith community,
We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We offer you our love and our support.**

With God's help, we will together live
out God's dreams and the mission of
this Church.
Amen

New Creed

We are not alone,
 We live in God's world.
We believe in God:
 Who has created and is creating,
 Who has come in Jesus,
 The Word made flesh,
 To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others
 By the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
 To celebrate God's presence,
 To live with respect in Creation
 To love and serve others,
 To seek justice and resist evil,
 To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 Our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us,
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Welcome

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn: VU#282 Long Before the Night <<<

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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