





# Sunset United Church

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*Christian Family Sunday*

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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

**Anthem:** I'm Gonna Sing

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Today, on this Mother's Day and Christian Family  
Sunday

We remember that Jesus called us family:

Siblings, parents, children.

**We light the Christ candle,**

**Claiming the promise that where even two or three  
are gathered together,**

**Christ is in our midst.**

**We gather as the family of Christ.**



## Call to Worship

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Families are strange things.

Different shapes, different sizes.

Made up of people.

Sometimes by birth.

Sometimes by choice.

At their best –

Families are filled with love,

Ready to create a safe place,

Ready to invite others in.

At their worst –

Family are filled with anger and hurt,

Frustration and sadness,

Indifference and fear.

We are Christ's family.

Siblings in Christ's love.

In this time. In all times.

Let us work to be the best family

That family can be.

For Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, amen!

## Opening Prayer

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We come as one family:

Seeking your presence,

Celebrating our faith,

Supporting one another,

Walking together through change.

Be with us all today,

Support us in all the emotions

That rise to the surface

As we talk about family

Both genetic and chosen.  
May our worship remind us of  
The importance of this,  
Our faith family,  
This day and all our days.  
Amen.

Hymn: MV#1 Let Us Build a House (verses 1,2,4,5)

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Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

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You touch our lives  
In many, many ways, Holy One.  
In the love that others share with us,  
In the love that we offer others,  
Your love shines on.  
When we feel less than we are,  
When we're lost,  
When we're sure we're alone –  
Remind us that we're wrong.  
Remind us that you are the One  
Who gave us life,  
And the one who calls us to live!  
In Christ's name we ask it.  
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: VU#958 Halle, halle, halle

Passing the Peace



## WE LISTEN

**Anthem:** Praise God For Every Gift  
**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn:** MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide \*<\*

**Scripture:** John 17: 20-26

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts <<

## WE GATHER

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

**Hymn:** VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give  
Thanks (chorus only)

**Prayer**

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

**Hymn:** VU#556 Would You Bless Our Homes and  
Families \*<\*

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**



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