

Sunset United Church

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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#62 There is Room For All ***

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles

Call to Worship*

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 worse –

**Families are filled with anger and hurt,
Frustrations 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.**

In this place. In all places.

**Let us worship the One who links us together
With love and encouragement.**

Amen

Opening Prayer**

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units,

We come as neighbours and friends.

We come here where we are known by name,

Welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.

**We gather with kindred spirits who long to faithful to
your calling.**

Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us

And nurture us in this time of worship

So that we might be enabled to return our daily lives

Ready to engage fully with all of your creation.

We pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV#1 Let Us Build a House ****

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Story: A Family is a Family is a Family

Celebrating a Blessing

Sung Response: I Hav Luv (words on screen)

Passing the peace

WE LISTEN

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Anthem: *Here We Are to Worship*

Sunday School Recognition

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

Scripture: John 17: 6-19

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Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU#229 God of the Sparrow *<<*

Offering Dedication

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

Prayer

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

Hymn: VU#556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families
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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



-*prayer adapted from one written by Richard Bott. *Gathering*,
Lent/Easter 2015, page 48. Used with permission.

-**prayer written by Jackie Harper. *Kin to One Another* Worship
resource found on www.united-church.ca/worship-special-days/christian-family-sunday

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