

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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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: “The Hymnary” #164 (v1,2,5)
The Church’s One Foundation

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Child: We light the Christ candle this morning to remind us that Christ, who is our light, is here among us

All: And to remind us that the light of God’s Spirit is within each one of us to share with other people. Amen

Call to Worship *:

One: In the morning of our lives, God calls “Come”

All: And we come with joy and energy, basking in new life.

One: In the noontide of our lives, God calls “Come”

All: And we come with knowledge and confidence, journeying in God’s light.

One: In the evening of our lives, God calls “Come”

All: And we come with experience and insight, remembering that God has always been with us.

One: In the beginning and the ending and the beginning again, God calls “Come”

All: And we come because it is enough for us to know that God calls us and then journeys with us.

One: In this time and in this place, God calls “Come”

All: And we come to worship our God who calls to us in love.

Opening Prayer *

One: Holy one, you who are the source of all love and the ground of our being,

All: we gather as your people today, rooted in your love.

One: We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as your church. We think of those gathered today in North Battleford, to celebrate the ministries of The United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan Conference, knowing that they likewise think of each congregation.

All: We pray that your Spirit of hope, healing, and life will continue to embolden us to be faithful followers of the Way of Jesus.

One: May our worship today inspire us to be the winds of change you need to bring your peace, justice, reconciliation, and love into our hurting world.

All: Amen.

Hymn: “The Hymn Book” #124 Jesus is the Man

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem:

Conversation time

Hymn: “Songs For A Gospel People”

#79 God, We Praise You for the Morning (V 1,2,3,6)

Scripture: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Reflection: *Pieces of United Church History*

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU #307 Touch the Earth Lightly

Offering Dedication

Hymn: VU #179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks
(sing refrain 2x)

Prayer

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

Hymn: MV#214 May God’s Sheltering Wings (sing 2x)

Blessing:

And now may God, who knows the secrets of our
hearts,

Who loves us inside and out,

Through and through,

Be our source, guide, and destination
As we continue our lifelong journey.
May we know ourselves to be so touched by God's love
That we will share that love with all we meet
And work for justice and for peace
For all God's people.
Amen

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen*

Postlude



* Saskatchewan Conference <http://www.sk.united-church.ca/annual-meeting/>

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