

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#130 Rise Up, Rise Up <<

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles

Call to Worship

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, given to all to allow us to sing a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and friends, newcomers and long timers will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of the Holy One.

Opening Prayer

Still speaking God,

We have come here today for many reasons,

Each with our own story.

May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story.

Finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty
Of Jesus' teachings, life and ministry.

Through the Spirit enable us to be open to hear what we
need this day,

So that we might carry it with us beyond this worship and
this day.

Amen.

Hymn: VU#820 Psalm 100 – Make a Joyful Noise **

Prayer For Wholeness

Gracious One, we are created through your love,
And abide in your presence,

Yet, there are times when we feel so alone.

We know in our hearts that you care for us

And offer us a way of peace and hope to journey,

Yet sometimes we forget and follow different paths.

Gracious One, reassure us and guide us back to your path
so that once more we can witness to the world your love for all.

Then, in your love, no one need feel alone.

Amen.

Words of Affirmation

Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace ****

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Lead Me On O Great Jehovah

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#85 Take, O Take Me As I Am *****

Scripture: John 15: 9-17

Reflection

WE RESPOND

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

Offering Dedication

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

Prayer

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

Hymn: MV#209 Go Make a Difference *>>*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



- *prayer adapted from one written by Mary Goergen, O.S.F found in *Earth Prayers from Around the World*. Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon, 1991. San Francisco: Harper Collins Publisher. Page 299
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