



Sunset United Church



October 13, 2019 –

Thanksgiving 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

Opening Hymn: MV#185 Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving

Lighting the Christ Candle



The candle flame reminds us of the fire of the Holy
Spirit burning in our midst.

**As we gather in its light may we always remember to
give thanks for the gifts God has given us.**

Call to Worship

Our lives are a blessing

And so we give thanks

Our loved ones are a blessing

And so we give thanks

Each meal we enjoy, every time we share,
Is a blessing,

And so we give thanks.

In thanksgiving, let us worship God!

Hymn: VU#820 Make a Joyful Noise

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Alice Walker wrote: “But one day when I was sitting quiet and feeling like a mother-less child, which I was, it come to me: that feeling of being part of everything, not separate at all. I knew that if I cut a tree, my arm would bleed. And I laughed and cried and I run all around the house. I knew just what it was. In fact, when I happen, you can’t miss it.... I think it makes God mad if you walk by the colour purple somewhere and don’t notice it.”

**Everyday we walk by the colour purple,
Or green or yellow or blue,
And we don’t notice it.**

Every day, we refuse to hear the sound of laughter, or footsteps
or birdsong,
Or weeping.

**Everyday, God’s extravagant gifts surround us, and
fills us and connect us with everyone and everything,
and we don’t notice it.**

Silent reflection

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don’t Be Afraid

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Anthem: I Thank You Lord

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Sharing the Story: Stone Soup

Hymn: VU#518 As Those of Old Their First-fruits
Brought (v.1)

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#518 As Those of Old Their First-fruits
Brought (v.2)

Sharing the Story

Hymn VU#518 As Those of Old Their First-fruits
Brought (v.3)

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: MV#191 What Can I Do?

Prayer

Lego Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: VU#299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude