



# Sunset United Church

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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#21 Open Our Hearts

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

Come and rejoice!

For God is here with us.

**Let us join our hearts and voices**

**In praise and thanksgiving.**

For we are truly loved by God

**Just as we are,**

**For who we are.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**God who writes on our hearts,**

**We open ourselves to let your pen do it's work.**

God who bangs incessantly on our doors

**We open our ears that we would hear your plea for justice.**

God who calls us to follow the truth

**Strengthen us that we would persist in the quest for love's truth.**

We pray these things. **Amen.**

**Hymn: MV#28 God of the Bible**

**Prayer For Persistence:**

God you continue to whisper in our ears

**Calling us to make the world a place of justice.**

God you ask us to whisper in the ears of others,

**Speaking on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced.**

God you share with us a vision of a world where all have abundant life

**Help us to see the vision, to hear the whispers.**

God you write the covenant of love on our hearts.

**Help us read those words with our whole being**

- *Silent reflection* -

## Words of Assurance

God whispers, God shouts, God pleads for justice.

God moves in us, transforming us and, through us, the world.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sung Response:** MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

**Passing the Peace**



**Anthem:** Open the Eyes of My Heart

## WE LISTEN

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Luke 18: 1-8

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** MV#144 Like a Healing Stream

## WE RESPOND

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

**Hymn:** MV#191 What Can I Do?

**Prayer**

**Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

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

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**