



Sunset United Church



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World Communion 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

Gathering Hymn: MV#18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a
Sanctuary

Lighting the Christ Candle

In the dawn's cool glow, in the bright of the day,
In the evening's painted sky, in nighttime's starry dark...

**The Christ Light shines,
Made bright by God's love for all.**



Call to Worship:

Wheat, barley, rye, maize, oats, rice, sorghum, buckwheat, wild
rice, millet, fonio, and quinoa:

**Grains of the world,
Cooked whole or ground into flour,**

Breads of the world for people of the world.

God's abundant diversity is on display for all to see!

Let us celebrate our unity and diversity, as people of God.

Opening Prayer:

Infinite One, we gather this morning...

On our way from something...

On our way to something...

But here we stop.

We stop to rest,

To turn our attention to all that is holy.

We stop to gather in community,

Held and loved,

To break bread together.

We stop to give praise, to sing,

To pray, to listen, to experience your Spirit

Moving among us.

Gracious God, it is good to be here.

Blessed be. Amen

Hymn: VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Center

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

God of all creation, God of all people

On this World Communion Sunday,

We spend time honouring the

Global community of your people.

For the most part,

We are good at this.

Except for when we aren't.

There are times we have turned away

From another

Because of the way they speak,

Or where they worship,
Or how they look.
We have said things that make fun
Of another's beliefs,
Or another's way of life.
We haven't spoken up
When another has been hurt
Because of the colour of their skin,
Or the language they speak.
Help us to see another as made in your image,
Loved and cherished for who they are,
Defined by their common humanity,
Rather than their differences.

In the silence of these moments,
Holy One,
Hear the prayers of our hearts
as we offer up to you our confessions and reflections:

Amen

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#97 Listen God is Calling

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Anthem: Amazing Grace

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#241 Oh, Sing to Our God

Scripture: Luke 17: 5-10

Reflection:

Hymn: MV#174 Soil of God, You and I

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: MV#191 What Can I Do?

Prayer

Communion

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God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

We give our thanks and praise to the Creator.

It is right to give this thanks and praise.

Here, together, as a faith community,

As a community of God,

We share this simple feast with each other

And with the world.

Here, at this table,

We will sit together

To remember, to renew, to reconnect.

Here at this table:

We will sit down where feet tire from the journey

We will sit down where grief bends the back.

We will sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery

We will sit down where cries sound from cracked walls.

We will sit down where heat beats like hammers.

We will sit down where flesh shivers in cold.

We will sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal.

We will sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.

We will sit down with those who dwell in ashes.

We will sit down in shadow and in light.

We will sit down, making friends out of strangers.

We will sit down, our cup filled with new wine.

We will sit down and let love flow like language.

We will sit down where speech needs no words.

We will sit together at the table with no edges.

We will sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

We will sit together to remember

That on the night before he died,

Jesus gathered his friends, his disciples

Around a table for a meal....

Holy and Mysterious Presence,

Bless this bread,

Bless this cup,

So that what we do here together,

And what is done around the world,

Is a reflection of the love

Offered by Christ.

May this simple meal

Feed us body and soul,

And connect us with your greater community

Of seekers and believers.

We ask your presence with us here,
As we shared this meal,
And as we speak the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has Risen, Christ will come
again.**

And so,
Just like so many world wide have done,
Are doing
And will do,
Let us share this feast,
Bread broken is food for our journey.
Wine poured is the wine of promise.

Come, the table is ready...

Prayer after Communion:

You have invited us to your table, people from all over the world. You continue to invite us to share new life by the whispers of the Spirit. You bless us now and always within Your abundant grace. By sharing this meal, we welcome your transformation into our living. Our thanks overflow as our hearts join one with each other. Amen.

Hymn: VU#481 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Commissioning and Benediction



* "The Table with No Edges" written by Andrew Thomas
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