

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#2 Come All You People **

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Call to Gather:

Come on this day set aside for thanksgiving and praise.

**We come with grateful hearts,
yet anxious minds.**

Come to remember and be still.

for it is in these sacred, gratitude-filled moments
that we will find answers.

**We come longing for wisdom
and peace to fill our spirits.**

As we worship God together,

let us be open to receiving all the gifts of God.
Let us be ready to respond
to God's call for service.

A Time of Silence

Thanksgiving Video: Kairos Canada -Just and inclusive tables:
KAIROS Thanksgiving video message (Oct. 4, 2018)

Choir Anthem: Look at the World

Opening Prayer & Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

Generous God,
there is so much in our lives
for which we can give thanks,
 but we often forget.
There is abundance in our lives,
 but we end up noticing what we don't have.
 Help us to open our hearts
 to your grace and your presence.
 Amen.

Words of Grace (sung) MV #95 How Deep the Peace ****

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Kuimba Asante

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV #182 Grateful <<*

Scripture: Matthew 6: 25- 33 (from the Revised English bible)

Reflection:

Sung Response: MV #187 We Give Our Thanks (v1 only) ***

WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2) <*

Prayer (*unison*)

The gifts of the harvest from field and garden
gifts of time to use in the faith community,
the gifts of varied skills and abilities to use in serving
Christ.

Through these offerings of money, time, and talent,
may your love and grace be known here and around the
world.

Amen.

Communion Hymn: VU #606 In Christ There Is no East or
West (Verses 1, 3 & 4) *<*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift our hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **Joyfully we do so.**

We give you thanks, O God, Maker of all peoples:
You formed us from clay, breathed into us life,
and gifted us with thought, culture, and speech.

**Through Abram and Sarai, from Babylon,
you blessed all nations.**

Through an Egyptian princess, who acted with courage and
compassion, you preserved Moses the deliverer.

**Through Rahab, a Canaanite woman,
who showed mercy and spoke truth,
you brought your people into the land of promise.**

Through Ruth from Moab, who lived and loved
with faithfulness, you raised up a child to rule Israel.

**Through Cyrus, a Persian king, who governed with justice,
you restored Jerusalem.**

We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus.
As a child he found safety by the banks of the Nile.
In Galilee of the gentiles he grew in wisdom and stature.

**He healed a Roman centurion's servant,
spoke peace and forgiveness to the Samaritan woman,
marvelled at the faith of a Syrian mother,
welcomed the Greeks who sought him.**

God of all nations, who speaks through all
peoples, races and cultures,
we give you thanks for speaking clearly to us in Jesus -
who weeps with the mourners,
and dances with the joyful,
and teaches us to be a thankful, faithful people to you
and to each other.

♪♪ O holy, holy, holy God.
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise!
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always! (*More Voices #203*)

On the night before he was taken to his death,
Jesus sat at a table with his followers,
He acknowledged their love and fear,
binding them together in suffering and hope.

Jesus took bread and gave thanks to you,
God of all creation,
and offered it to those gathered at the table saying:
"This is my body," - for us his word and his life
"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
he passed it among them, saying,
"This is the cup of blessing," - the blessing that held
his joy and tears, our joy and tears.
"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Loving Creator, we offer you our work and our lives
in this symbol of bread.
We offer up our laughter and our suffering
in the cup of blessing.

Holy One, bind us together in one body
as your hopeful spirit-filled people,

sisters and brothers around the world.

We place all hope in you, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, now and forever. **Amen.**

With the whole Church in every place we proclaim the mystery of faith, as we sing:

♪♪ **Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!** (*More Voices #204*)

And as disciples of Jesus we join in praying as we sing (VU #959)

♪♪ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

SHARING THE MEAL

Jesus Christ, the bread of life!

Amen!

Jesus Christ, the cup of blessing.

Amen!

The gifts of God, for all God's people!

Thanks be to God!

SERVER: The Bread of Life RESPONSE **Amen**
SERVER: The Cup of Blessing RESPONSE **Amen**

Prayer after communion:

For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
for the Spirit in which we live,
we thank you, God of all love!
May this burst of flavour,
be on our lips and in our hearts,
so we can share your love,
with your world.
Alleluia! Amen!

Commissioning and Benediction

Let us live leave this time and place of worship
remembering God's goodness to us. –
goodness known in Creation, in our relationships,
and especially in Jesus Christ.

**Let us commit ourselves
to lives of thanksgiving and thanks – living,
remembering that when we are simply grateful,
life is simply great!**

Let us go now with smiles on our faces,
with joy in our hearts, with purpose and in kindness,
to be God's people
in all the places life calls us to be.

Sung Response: (VU 974)

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
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Postlude