



# Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada*

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*Pianists:* Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

*Worship Hosts:* Eileen Ledingham,  
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*Candle-Lighters:* Zada Belanger Perrey

*Reader:* Shirley Hill

*Coffee:* Ken & Gail Fensom

**MINISTERS: ALL OF US!**

**With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey**

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We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

*Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl*

Gathering Hymn: "Praise the Lord" VU 245\*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

Welcome to Sunset United Church

**Thank you. It's good to be here.**

Welcome back to those who have been away.

**Thank you. It's good to be back.**

Here we come together to worship, to sing and to pray.

**To give thanks and to feed our spirits.**

Let us begin with prayer.

### Prayer of Approach:

Holy One, the summer is winding down and fall activities have already started. In this busy time, grant us, we pray, still hearts, that we may hear the whispering of your Spirit and may know your guiding presence. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" VU 242\*\*

### Prayer for Wholeness:

Creating God, this summer has been fraught – North Korea, the White House, forest fires, floods, hurricanes, drought here and monsoons there, Kathy moving away to a new ministry. All this has left many of us feeling a bit uncertain. Renew our faith and strengthen our confidence, that we may be a people of calm and courage in a time of change. In Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Blessing

**Know that God is with us.**

We are grateful for God's fulfilling presence.

Our Sung Response: "Lord, Listen to Your  
Children Praying" VU 400\*\*\*

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

### WE LISTEN

Conversation time

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-4

Hymn: “This is God’s Wondrous World” VU 296\*\*\*\*

Scripture: John 1:1-5

Reflection

### WE RESPOND

Hymn: “Each Blade of Grass” MV 37 \*<\*

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings  
Flow” VU 541\*\*<\*

Prayer of Dedication

We bring these gifts to you, O God, the work of our hands  
and the fruit of our labour. Accept them and bless them in  
the doing of your ministry in this place and beyond. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful” VU 232 \*\*\*<<

## Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen, Amen, Amen!*

## Postlude



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