# Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Candle-Lighters: Zada Belanger Perrey
Reader: Jayne Strinholm
Coffee: Jeannie & Rick McKillop

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey Leading Today: Karen Cartmell

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 Treaty4, we gather.

# **WE GATHER**

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: VU #395 Come in, Come in and Sit Down v1 \*\*

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

**Child:** May the light of Christ remind us that Jesus brought light into our world.

**Choir:** May the flame of God remind us that whenever 2 or 3 people are gathered in your name, you are there.

All: May the fire of the Holy Spirit flow through our bodies so that we may share the light with other people. Amen

#### Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship \*:

We gather here in this place,

Familiar to some of us, new perhaps to others,

Seeking to find meaning in our lives,

Looking for the "something more" that we sense all around us –

In creation and in the mystery of one another.

So, come, let us gather in community

As we continue the journey.

Come, and let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: VU#402 We Are One \*\*\*

### Prayer for Wholeness:

The beautiful Saskatchewan weather

Reminds us how lucky we are to live in this world

The hymns that we sing here together

Reminds us that we are connected to each other through voice, and tune, and praise

The prayers we share collectively and silently

Remind us of our intimate connection with God

The Scripture lessons we hear read out loud

Remind us of our connection to our ancestors.

Open our hearts - that we may relish in all aspects of worship

Inspire us, challenge us, and work through us As we strive to understand your will. Amen

Our Sung Response: Halle, Halle, Halle

Passing of the Peace of Christ

### WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: Open the Eyes of My Heart.

Conversation time:

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Reflection: "The Power of Small Groups"

## **WE RESPOND**

Hymn: MV #14 When Two or Three Are Gathered (round) \*\*\*\*

Our Offerings are Received

**Doxology:** tune #541 words by L. Erhardt

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (#959)

Hymn: VU#509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky \*<\*

### Commissioning

Let us go with open hearts - thankful for this gathering today

Let us go with hope -that we may feel God's presence as something more, or s'mores, in our lives

Let us go in faith – knowing that when we meet as a congregation, or in small groups, we are expanding our faith journey

Let us go in love – knowing that we are loved by God, and spread that love wherever we go this day

### Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen!

### Postlude

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