





# Tri Church Worship @ 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

Hymn: MV#7 Gather us In

Lighting the Christ Candle \*

This is the light of Christ, a promise of Love.

**This light shines for us, and for all of creation.**

**For this we give thanks.**



Call to Worship

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Opening Prayer

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Caring Teacher,

So often we come to you with our questions.

Where are you? What should I do? Why me?

Other times we put questions in your mouth,  
Assuming your main concern is our behavior:  
Were we judgmental? Did we give enough?  
Loving, nurturing and at times challenging God,  
Your actual questions often surprise us.  
Freely ask them of us today  
For our hearts are open to hear them.

Question us, teach us, and guide us, we pray.  
Amen.

Hymn: MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Patient One,

You often have to wait for us

Like an anxious parent waiting for a child to return home.

Sometimes we have boldly chosen to stay away,

Other times, we have been too proud to admit that we are  
lost.

We are sorry for distancing ourselves.

We are here now, loving One,

Ready to find our way in this world

With you at our side.

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

Passing the Peace



## WE LISTEN

**Sharing the Story:** The First Question

**Hymn:** VU#509 Here I Am, Lord

**Scripture:** Genesis 4: 1-9

**Reflection:** The Second Question

**Offering Collection and Dedication**

**Hymn:** VU#595 Servant Song (v 3&4) -  
while offering is collected

**Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU#595 Servant Song (v.1 & 2)

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 19: 3-13

**Reflection:** The Third Question

**Hymn:** MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer

**Communion**

God be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God,

**It is right to give thanks!**

Blessed are you, Holy One...

...We join our voices together to proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy God,  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in Your name.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy Companion...

... that lies at the heart of our faith:

Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.

Send your spirit upon us  
To pray the words Jesus taught:

**Prayer after Communion**

For the bread we have eaten,  
For the juice we have tasted,  
For the nourishment of body and soul,  
We give you thanks,  
May the meal shared in community  
Sustain us as we move out into the world,  
As sources of love and compassion,  
The embodiment of Jesus' ministry and life.  
Now and always. Amen.

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Hymn:** VU#298 When you Walk From Here

## Postlude



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