



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

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light the Christ Candle
Knowing that this single, small flame
Represents the Christ spark in each of us.
We light the Christ Candle,
Knowing that each of us comes
To this time of worship
With different needs and emotions,
Each of which is welcomed and held
In the love of Christ.
May this light focus our hearts

And our minds in this moment,
And in this time together, apart.

Hymn: MV#130 Rise Up, Rise Up *

*Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.
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Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.*

Call to Worship:

The changing colour of the leaves
And the sights and smells of harvest
Act as signs of creation's movement to fall.
As fall approaches,
Life begins to shift into routine,
Resuming patterns of work, play and worship.
We return today,
With many emotions,
Bringing them to our worship together, apart,
Knowing that we won't be resuming
Business as usual,
Worship as usual.
We return to this pandemic worship,
And as we do,
Come with all the feelings of your hearts,
Come with gratitude for the fall beauty of creation,
Come knowing that we are indeed connected
Even though we are apart
And come knowing that God is part of
and present in our worship,
no matter how or where we do it.

Come, people of God,
Come and worship.

Opening Prayer

End of summer!

The beginning of autumn!

Trees changing, nights lengthening,
Seasons turning!

The world keeps on moving!

And so do we but in such a different way...
New ways of school and work, of leisure and play.

**We've been called by you, Creator,
To return to this remote gathering,
To worship with God's people.**

For the Summer fun,

Thank you!

For the autumn harvests,

Thank you!

For being with us

So that we can celebrate your presence,

Thank you, God! Amen.

Hymn: MV#30 *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* **

- 1. It's a song of praise to the Maker
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker
The gray whale sings in the sea,*

-REFRAIN-

*And by the Spirit, you and I
Can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too,*

2. *It's a call of life to the Giver
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
When high tides break on the shore, R*

3. *It's a hymn of love to the Lover
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover
The summer breeze joins the song. R*

4. *It's the chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings. R*

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:
Loving Presence, All ways God,
We carry much in our hearts and minds.
We carry with us the weight
Of the things we have said and not said,
Of the things we have done and not done.
We carry the weight of not loving
As fully and as lavishly
As you have called us to do.
We struggle, someday,
With the desire to simply forget
That we are your people,
Because it can be too hard to live fully
Into the expectations of that role.
Forgive us.
Forgive us and open us to learning
From the mistakes, from the missed opportunities.

Remind us, as we pray,
That your love is given to us
Freely and without limitation.
Hear us, as we offer to you
The prayers of our hearts and mind...
(time of silence to offer personal prayers)

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Sung Response: MV#99 Stand, O Stand Firm ***

Stand, O stand firm,
Stand, O stand firm,
Stand, O stand firm
And see what our God can do.

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#131 If Our God (verses 1-3) ****

1. *If our God had simply saved us
Merely brought us out of Egypt
Only opened up our prison: *da-yei-nu*

*Dadayeinu, dadayeinu
Dadayeniu, dayeinu
Dayeinu, dayeinu!
Dadayeinu, dadyeinu,
Dadayeinu, dayeinu
Dayeinu.*

2. *If our God had split the Red Sea,
Made a way through walls of water,
Only opened up the waters: dayeinu. R*
3. *If our God had kept our feet dry
Kept our heads above the waters,
Kept us safely without drowning: dayeinu. R*

*pronounced: *die-yea-noo*

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Exodus 14: 19-31
Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21

Reflection

Special Music

**Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung VU#595)**

Hymn: VU#651 Guide Me, O Thou, Great Jehovah *^*

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

2. *Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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