

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada (2007)



www.sunsetunited.ca

September 2, 2018

Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill/Kevin Petrychyn



Ministry staff: Rev. Tricia Gerhard & Michelle McConkey

We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saukteaux, 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#130 Rise Up, Rise Up ***

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Opening Words

Love is not always the perfection of moments
Or the sum of all the shining days -
Sometimes it's to drift apart,
To be broken,
To be disassembled by life and living,
But always to come back together
And be each other's glue again.
Love is an act of life,
And we are made more by the living.
- Richard Wagamese

Opening Prayer:

Creator of the World, Eternal presence

We have come from many places

For a little while.

Lover of humanity, God-with-us

We have come with all our differences,

Seeking common ground.

Spirit of unity, everywhere God,

We have come on journeys of our own,

To a place where journeys meet.

So here, in this safe landing place,

Let us take time together.

For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,

There is much to share and celebrate.

Here in this meeting place,

Let our voices join together in

Prayer and song. Amen and amen,

Hymn: MV#1 Let Us Build a House ****

Prayer seeking Reconciliation**

Loving God,

We gather for worship in this place,

Reminding each other of your promise

That you will provide.

When our strength falls short,

When our faith seems insufficient,

When hope wanes,

We trust in your promise that you will provide.

Lead us and teach us to lean on you in all things

- *Time of silent reflection* -

Words of Grace

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid *****

Passing the peace



WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#174 Soil of God, You and I *+

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-12
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Reflection

Hymn: VU#372 Though I May Speak *++

WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

Hymn: VU#540 Grant Us, God, the Grace *<<<<*

Prayer

Special Music: Tri-Church Pick Up Choir

Tri-Church Release of Covenant

Tricia: People of God, take a moment to look around. Look around and see the faces that surround us in this Holy place.

Sunset UC: neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers

Wesley UC: co-workers and acquaintances, the old and the young

Whitmore Park: three communities joined together by worship and Spirit.

Cindy: People of God, look around and notice that the faces that once were unfamiliar –

Wesley UC: strangers, visitors, forgotten friends,

Whitmore Park: faces that have become familiar over time,

Sunset UC: reminding us of our connection through faith, and through God's presence.

Tricia: People of God, look around and be reminded of our journey together these last twelve weeks. Look around and be reminded of how as one community we have sung and prayed and worshipped together, bringing the Spirit of the Holy alive in our places.

Whitmore Park: We look around and see the images of God here

Sunset: In me, in you, and in each of us.

Wesley: God's light shines through us for all the world to see.

Cindy: As we mark the end of time as the Tri-Church community, may we remember the energy and the passion that was present in our worship. May we carry that back with us, energized to worship in our own spaces, open to the Spirit to work with us and through us, not losing the connection that we share, but nurturing it at every step.

ALL: May we go from here confident in the light of the Divine shining in each of us. May we go from here encouraged by the connection we share with each other. As we go from here, may we know that we are the church, God's people, ready to support and love one another by the time we have shared together. Amen and amen.

Prayer

Hymn: VU#333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



*Richard Wagamese. *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations*. Douglas & McIntyre: 2016

**prayer adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book 2001

*** Words and Music: Linnea Good, 2003. Words and music copyright © 2004 Borealis Music. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

****Words and Music: Marty Haugen. Words and music copyright © 1994 by GIA Publications Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License A-605683.

*****Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995. Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Words and music copyright © 1995,2007 by John L. Bell. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License A-605683.

*+ Word and music: Jim Hannah, 1995: arr. David Melhorn-Boe, 2006. Words and music copyright © Jim Hannah. Arr. copyright © David Melhorn-Boe. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.

*++ Words: Hal Hopson 1972 Music: trad. English melody, adapt Hal H. Hopson 1972. Words and arrangement copyright © 1972 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.

<<<< Words: anonymous Music: attrib. Christian F. Witt, Pslmodia Sacra 1715, adapt. Henry John Gauntlett 1861. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.

<<*** Words: Charles Wesley 1747 Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1831