

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:

The Christ candle is lit,

But what does it mean? Why have we gathered?

The Christ candle is lit,

But does it touch our hearts?

Why do we keep gathering?

The Christ candle is lit,

But does it change anything?

It's a light that flickers.

It's small and seemingly insignificant.

It's made of ordinary material.

**It's rather unremarkable.
Yet, still, it speaks to us of Christ.**

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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Call to Worship:

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**We come like flickering candles, Loving One.
We come feeling small and insignificant
In the larger scheme of things.
We come as ordinary folk
Seeking meaning in life.
Show us, sibling Christ, as we pay attention,
As we give reverence to you,
That in our everyday living,
You give us abundance –
Just as you gave abundantly of your very self
For a broken world.
We come to embrace that abundance
Into our growing wholeness.
Amen**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VU#409 Morning has Broken

*1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!*

Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!

2. *Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

3. *Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
Born in the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

Gracious One,

There are days when we don't notice you -

Forgive us

There are days when we don't feel you -

Forgive us

There are days when we aren't aware of you -

Forgive us

There are days when we don't acknowledge you -

Forgive us

There are days when we blame you -

Forgive us

There are days when we ignore you -

Forgive us

There are days when we question you -

Forgive us

There are days when we might even stop believing -

Forgive us

(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: Manna For All (music pdf available in weekly update)^

God of Abundance, call us to action,
Trusting your promise: manna for all!

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Exodus 16: 2-15

Reflection

Special Music: *Why Me Lord?* (Kris Kristofferson)

Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:

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

Hymn: VU#633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey **^

1. *Bless now, O God, the journey
That all your people make,
The path through noise and silence
The way of give and take.*

*The trail is found in desert
And winds the mountain round,
Then leads beside still waters,
The road where faith is found.*

2. *Bless sojourners and pilgrims
Who share this winding way,
Whose hope burns through the terrors,
Whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for the holy freedom
While often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
The road where faith is found.*

3. *Divine Eternal Lover,
You meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
Where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
You meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
On roads, as faith is found.*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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