Sunset United Church

September 29, 2019 – Proper 21C

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

Choir Director: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill

Guest Worship Leader Today: Michelle McConkey

Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory, is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Gathering Hymn: MV#62 There is Room For All

Lighting the Christ Candle

In the dawn's cool glow, in the bright of the day, In the evening's painted sky, in nighttime's starry dark...

The Christ Light shines, Made bright by God's love for all.



The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

May our hearts be open to the Word.

The Love of God rains down on us.



May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love. The Breath of God blows softly within us.

May our minds be stirred by the presence of the Spirit.

Opening Prayer:
Holy One,
We have been told that you know us –
From before we were born,
Today, tomorrow, forever.
You know us in our difficulties.
You know us in our successes.
And you love us, no matter what,
Thank you.
In our words and in our worship, bless us.
Help us to know, deep within,
That you are with us and all of creation,
Now and always! Let it be so!
Amen.

Hymn: VU#289 It Only Takes a Spark

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Holy One, Life is hard. Getting out of bed, Being responsible, loving, compassionate people, Is hard.

It is easier to simply give up. Instead of changing the world, We support the status quo. Instead of taking the next step, We stand still. Instead of living into your presence,
We block you out.
We are sorry.
Help us to know that
We do have the strength,
The will, the love to keep moving,
To keep being your people.
Help us to know the persistence of your presence,
In us, in each other, and in the world,
Persistent One,
Hear the prayers of our hearts,
As we release our burdens to you...

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Savior of My Heart

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 27-31

Reflection:

Hymn: VU#639 One More Step Along the World

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication Hymn: MV#191 What Can I Do? Prayer

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: MV#209 Go Make a Diff'rence

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

