



# Sunset United Church

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We recognize that we meet on Treaty 4 Territory, the lands of the Cree, Ojibwa, Saulteaux, 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#2 Come All You People \*\*

Lighting the Peace and Christ Candles



Call to Gather:

I am the church; you are the church

**We are the church together.**

We depend on our seniors and long time members

To remember where we came from and where we have been.

**We are the church together.**

We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

**We are the church together.**

We depend on our newcomers and visitors  
To bring new and diverse life to our congregations.

**We are the church together.**

We depend on our youth and young adults  
To ask us why we do things this way,  
And to suggest something new.

**We are the church together.**

We need all who are part of this circle  
In order to be the church.

**We are the church together.**

**Hymn:** VU#388 Spirit Dancing \*\*\*

**Prayer seeking Reconciliation**

Creator of us all,  
Sometimes we forget:

**We forget that we are not alone,  
We forget that you made us,  
We forget that we have had help along the way.**

Embodied God,

Remind us that we are surrounded,

**We are surrounded by the people you have created,  
And by the many gifts you have given them to share.  
Remind us of our own gifts,  
And the ways we use them in community.**

Constantly Loving God,

We confess that in our own struggles of life,

**We have forgotten other communities,  
We have forgotten their struggles to survive.  
Make us mindful. Make us compassionate.  
Help us to see you in one another.**

These things we pray,

**Amen.**

Words of Grace

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

Passing the peace



## WE LISTEN

**Anthem:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Sharing the Story

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

*Malcolm David Innes*

*Son of Patrick Innes and Andi Schenk*

*Brother to Jolene Mosquito*

*Godson to Adrienne Schenk-Laewetz and Jocelyn Schenk-Laewetz*

**Introduction**

**Blessing of Water and Light**

Holy God, you moved over the void –  
And into the chaos you said a word,  
“Light!”

**With that word, you blessed all creation.**

**With this light, you bless all creation.**

**Alleluia!**

Holy God, with that light we could see  
The waters that moved over creation.

**The water that gave birth to all things.**

**The water that gave birth to us.**

**These waters that celebrate new life in Christ!**

**Alleluia!**

With your love -

**Bless this light!**

With your love -

**Bless this water!**

With your love -

**Bless this child.**

**May it be so.**

Questions and Promises of the Parents

Questions and Promises of the Congregation

Baptism and Blessing

Presentation

Hymn: VU#965 Blessing

Scripture: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

Reflection:

Hymn: VU#652 Be Still My Soul \*\*\*\*\*

## WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

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

Prayer

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

Hymn: VU#586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of  
- Resurrection <<\*

## Commissioning and Benediction

## Postlude



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