



Sunset United Church

September 8, 2019 – Proper 18C



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard
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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

Hymn: MV#62 There is Room for All

Lighting the Christ Candle

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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.**

Call to Worship

Ever-Present One, you have been with us.
In the warmth and relaxation of summer,
You have been with us, O God.

In the journeys to visit family, and the times
We have been with friends

You have been with us, O God.

At those times when we cooked outside,
Those times at the lake, those time when we enjoyed a walk

You have been with us, O God.

Ever-Present One, you are with us.
As a fresh time of worship begins
As we welcome newcomers and
Celebrate the return of long timers

You are with us, O God.

As we plan for the months ahead,
As we dream dreams of a renewed faith community
And work to bring the dreams to reality,

You are with us, O God.

You will be with us, O God.
There will challenges and hard times.

**There will be times of celebration,
There will be questioning and doubting,
There will be joy in our worship,**

But you will never leave us,
Ever-Present One. Amen.

Hymn: VU#389 God is Here (v.1, 2, 3)

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story: Marking Beginnings & Backpack blessing

Teaching One, we ask you to bless these backpacks and bags.

May them strong for their job. May they be strong in helping our kids to learn. May their straps never break, their padding never give out, their zippers never jam.

May these bags be strong in helping our adults work. May their handles never give way. May their clasps close securely, keeping files, papers and tools safely at hand.

May these bags and backpacks never be forgotten in strange places; may the burdens in them be light; and may the bodies that bear them be strong, and growing, and whole, and blessed, ever blessed, by your love.

In the name of the great Teacher, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV#156 Dance with the Spirit

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-30

Reflection:

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#588 Many are the Lightbeams

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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