



Sunset United Church



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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: MV62 There is Room for All

Christ Candle

We light this candle

To remind us of the presence of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines for each of us.**

We light this candle

To remind us of the love of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines equally for the world.**

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

O God, you are the gathering one

Who calls us into community

With each other,

To love and work
To support and heal.

You are the gathering one
Who calls us into community
With all people,
To bring justice and hope,
Freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
Who calls us into community
With the whole creation;
To live in harmony,
To cherish and renew.

You are the gathering one
Who calls us into community
And who calls us to worship,
Giving thanks to the God
Who makes us one.
Amen.

Hymn: MV1 Let us Build a House

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Gracious, inviting God,
You continually provide us with opportunities
To practice generous hospitality.
But our fear of difference,
Reluctance to share,
And desire to be in control
Make our welcome appear weak and insincere.
Because we long for what is familiar

and comfortable,
we have difficulty honouring the stranger
as sacred guest who bears the face of Christ.
Worn out and irritated by the work
We think we must do,
We miss opportunities to receive the gifts
That such guests offer us.

Forgive us, O God,
for focusing on the wrong things.
Show us how to do what is right.

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud
And in the silence of our hearts.
Now let the wonderful gift of God's love flow over
And through you.
May you always know God's unending love and grace.

Sung Response: MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I am

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Sharing the Story

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Reflection:

Hymn: VU896 Blest Are They

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

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

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (VU959)

Hymn: VU642 Be Thou My Vision

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude