Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

www.sunsetunited.ca

January 28th, 2018 *Choir Leader*: Nancy Edwards *Pianists*: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn *Worship Hosts:* Lynn & Dean Ast, Gloria & Ed Borisinkoff *Reader:* Ed Borisinkoff *Coffee*: Maida Gardner

MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Tricia Gerhard and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'. As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering Hymn: MV#14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered ** (words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*:

God calls us to open our eyes.

To SEE our ministry and our call. God calls us to open our lives.

To LIVE our ministry and our call. God calls us to open ourselves.

To BE our ministry and our call. So come, people of God, Come followers of the Christ. We come to worship our God!

Prayer of Approach:

We come to this place in many ways: creeping over in the darkness of night or walking confidently in the light of day. Regardless of how we arrive, you welcome us in, reminding us that life is found here in community and in worship. As we join our voices together in prayer and song, may we be newly aware of your presence in our lives. May it be so. Amen

Opening Hymn: MV#122 This is the Day *** (words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness:

(Silent prayers of the heart....)Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: MV#90 Don't Be Afraid **** (words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: All Night, All Day

Scripture: Psalm 139: 13-18

Conversation time

Hymn: VU#241 Oh, Sing to Our God ***** (words on screens)

Scripture: John 3: 1-21

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: MV#5 Holy Spirit, You're Like the Wind *>* (words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: MV#191 What Can I Do? *>>* (words on screens)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU#582 There's A Spirit in the Air <<< (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

*୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶୶*୶୶

- * prayer written by Richard Bott. Found on <u>www.liturgy.richardbott.com</u>
- **Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002, after Matthew 18:20. Words and music copyright © 2002 by Bruce Harding. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- ***Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2003, after Psalm 118:24. Words and music copyright © 2003 by Bruce Harding. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- ****Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995. Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Words and music copyright © 1995,2007 by John L. Bell. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- *****Words: Brazilian folk song: trans. Gerhard Cartford, alt.. Music: Brazilian folk song, arr. John L. Bell 1991. Words copyright © Gerhard Cartford. Arrangement copyright © 1991 WGRG, The Iona Community, GIA Publications Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- *>*Word and Music: Wei-fan Wang, China. English trans. Grace Shangjuan., Ivy Balchin and W. H. Wong, alt. Arrangement: Gou-ren Zhong. Words, music, arrangement and English translation copyright ©1983, 1999 China Christian Council. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- *>>*Words and Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy: arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005. Words and music copyright © Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy. Arrangement copyright © 2005 Alan C. Whitmore. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.
- <<<Words: Brian Wren 1969. Music: John Wilson 1969, desc. John Wilson 1969. Words, music and descant copyright © 1979 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683.