# Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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January 21st, 2018 Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn Worship Hosts: Doug & Cathy Billett, Gail Bradley, Don Bennett Reader: Gail Bradley Coffee: Doug & Cathy Billett 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

### Gathering Hymn: I Rejoiced\*

I rejoiced when they said, "Let's worship," I rejoiced when they said, "Let's rise." I rejoiced when they said, "let's worship," worship our God Most High!

## Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

#### Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship \*\* God calls us from wherever we live, and work and pray. Here we are, God! God shares with us love, grace and joy. Here we are, God! Welcome to our worship of the Divine, Here we are, God! Thanks be to God!

### **Opening Prayer:**

Today, Holy One, we mark the start of new things: new relationships, new ministry, a new chapter in the life of Sunset United. As we start this journey together, as we mark the beginning of new things in worship, may we allow ourselves to take risks, to open ourselves to change, and to listen attentively to your voice, your call in all that we do. May this first worship together be full of your Spirit, bringing joy and confidence in all that we say and do together. May it be so. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker \*\*\*\* (words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness\*\*\*:

Ever present one, We hold on -

to things we need to let go of.

We release -

the things that keep us safe.

We remember -

the faults of those around us, no matter how small. Help us, O God!

In all times and places. Help us, O God! Help us to feel your presence. Help us to be truly loving. Help us to worship you, and help us to live out your love.

(Silent prayers of the heart....)

Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

**Our Sung Response:** MV#62 There is Room For All \*\*\*\*\* (words on screens)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

# WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: There Is No One Like Jesus \*>\*

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 18-19

### Conversation time

**Hymn:** VU#230- Heaven is Singing for Joy <<\* (words on screens)

Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20

Reflection

# WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU#563	Jesus, You Have Come to the
	Lakeshore **: (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#649 - Walk with Me >> (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen!

### Postlude

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