



# Sunset United Church

April 23, 2023



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*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,  
is an Affirming community of faith.  
All are welcome here.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Centering Time

### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

One: May the love of God be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Come all you people of faith and join in the journey!

**All: The journey of The Way of Christ; the way of love, justice and humility.**

One: Come all you people who struggle with faith!

**All: This is a journey of discovery rather than familiarity. A journey of questions rather than easy answers.**

One: Come, everyone, it's time to meet Jesus on the road!

Let us pray:

**All: Holy Spirit, you dwell in our hearts, and occupy the eternity of the cosmos. You have made yourself known in Jesus the Christ as well as in the presence of all your children. We gather today and pray that we hear Jesus words and feel his living presence. We long to know his wisdom and feel his love. We pray that we can courageously and faithfully walk the path that he not only sets before us but also walks with us.**

**We pray to you who is our mother and our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil;  
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn** VU#345 Come, Children, Join To Sing<sup>1</sup>

**Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice,  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends,  
the helpless he defends,  
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!**

**Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er  
let all God's love adore,  
singing forever more: Hallelujah!**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Message** Luke 24:13-35

**Hymn** VU#371 Open My Eyes, That I May See

**Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;**

and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Annual Appeal** Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry – Peter Gilmer

## **Prayers for the World**

**Hymn** VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing<sup>2</sup>

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

## **Blessing and Sending**



**Minister:** Rev. Jim Tenford (he/him)

**Children & Youth Minister:** Michelle McConkey (she/her)

**Choir Director:** Corinne Groff (she/her)

**Pianist:** Shirley Hill (she/her)



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