





# Sunset United Church

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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#1 Let us Build A House

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- Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

- 3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,*

*and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5. *Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved  
and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**Call to Worship:**

We greet the sunrise

We greet the day

**We greet each other**

The very same way

With grace

With appreciation

**With respect**

And welcome.

Does the earth care for our creed?

Do the trees withhold shade based on our gender?

Does the sun refuse to shine because of who we love?

No.

Nature has no eyes for our differences,

Nor does God.

We too, will learn to welcome all –

No matter what our difference.

**Opening Prayer:**

Your love, God, is to be shared with all your people.

Our challenge today and everyday

Is to find ways to live your Radical Welcome.

You see no difference – gay or straight, black or white, male  
or female, young or old.

Why must we?

Teach us, Living Spirit, to welcome

Strangers and those different from us

As easily as you have taught us to laugh and cry.

We crave your peace and seek belonging.

In your name we pray,

Seeking to be partners in your radical love,

Now and always. Amen.

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

May the light of the Christ Candle and the Affirming Candle remind us of the flame in each of us: a fire of passion and love that seeks to be shared with the World. Through Christ we are opened to the power and love that is found in us. These flames are our reminders that we are welcome, safe and ready to shine.

**Song:** Fire's Burning

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*Fire's burning, fire's burning  
Draw nearer, draw nearer!  
In the gloaming, in the gloaming,  
Come sing and be merry.*

## Sharing the Story

**Hymn:** VU#289 It Only Takes a Spark

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- 1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.*
- 2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are  
budding,  
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on*
- 3. I wish for you, my friend this happiness that I've found – on  
God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.*

## Camp Reflection

**Scripture:** Luke 10: 25-37  
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

**Hymn:** VU#958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah \*^\*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## Camp Reflection

**Story:** Old Turtle and the Broken Truth –  
Written by Douglas Wood

**Hymn:** VU#958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## Camp Reflection

**Hymn:** VU#958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## Offering Dedication

**Hymn:** MV#191 What Can I Do?

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*What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

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*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

1. *God the still point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms.*

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

2. *Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.*



*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

3. *Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door.*

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

## Benediction

## Amen



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