



Sunset United Church

April 30, 2023



*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: Welcome! Welcome to this place of holy community!

All: We welcome all, from the first timers to the long timers,

**From the sure of faith to those filled with doubt,
From those with questions to those who believe
they've got the answers,
From those in need to those who have much to offer.**

One: Welcome all of God's children!

**All: No matter where we've been, God loves us.
No matter who we are, God loves us.
No matter anything we can imagine, God loves us!**

One:

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, you are without beginning or ending. We celebrate that you are beyond definition or understanding. We celebrate that you are always more: more loving, more redeeming, more infused with creative energy. We celebrate that in your image, you have made your people hard to define - a rich spectrum of gifts, ways to love, self expression, and ways to worship you. Inspire us to keep our minds and hearts open to your surprise,

the new thing you are doing, the new earth you're creating and how we are called to participate!

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 MV#62 There Is Room for All¹ (2x)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:1-10

Hymn VU#747 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;

he makes me down to lie

in pastures green; he leadeth me,

the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;

and me to walk doth make

within the paths of righteousness,

even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,

yet will I fear no ill;

for thou art with me; and thy rod

and staff me comfort still.

**My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Message

Hymn VU#619 Healer of Our Every Ill²

Refrain **Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

Refrain

**In the pain and joy beholding,
how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love.**

Refrain

**Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

Refrain

**You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

Refrain

Annual Appeal Carmichael Outreach – Pam Sanderson

Prayers for the World

Hymn MV#28 God of the Bible³

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain **Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

Refrain

**Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.**

Refrain

**Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.**

Refrain

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other
till our world changes facing the Cross.**

Refrain

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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