



Sunset United Church

August 6, 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 *(adapted from Psalm 145)*

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

All: And also with you!

One: Our God is gracious and merciful,

All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

One: Our God is good to all,

All: Showing compassion to all creation.

One: Our God upholds all who are falling,

All: And raises up all who are bowed down.

One: Come let us join in worship to our God,

All: And all the world shall join in our praise!

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, this is a good day! We come together as a community of different ages, communities, home congregations, and reasons to seek your place in our lives. We join together to seek wisdom, share comfort, offer compassion, and feel your love. We come to feel the abundance of your grace and know that you are indeed here for us. This is reason to celebrate, this is reason to give thanks, this is reason to enter worship!

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#222 Come, Let Us Sing¹

**Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

**O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**

**You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

**Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

Theme Time

Special Music

Message & Scripture Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn VU#296 This Is God's Wondrous World

**This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**

**This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Minute for Mission

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle²

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

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing³

**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)

Audio/Visual Technician: Bonnie Tudor (she/they)



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