



# South Regina United Community

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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: A voice is calling out to all God's people:

**All: Make way for the coming of the bringer of peace!**

One: A voice is calling to the lonely and outcast:

**All: The road will be made easier for you, the uphill struggles of your life will be removed!**

One: A voice is calling to you and to me:

**All: Prepare the way, prepare yourself: a new world, God's world will soon be born!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, we give thanks for the prince of peace. While global peace between people and within all hearts may not yet be a reality, the foundation is set, the world is ready, and we take our place. In preparation, we breathe out anger and breathe in forgiveness.**

**We breathe out fear of those who are different and breathe in compassion for all.**

**We breathe out grudges and breath in the permission to heal our hurts.**

**We breathe out violence and we breathe in the spirit of the one who embodies your love.**

**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#18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness<sup>1</sup>**

**There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!**

**The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where God, our God, may go!**

**O Zion, that bringest good tidings,  
get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their King.**

**Like the flowers of the field they perish,  
like grass our works decay;  
the power and pomp of nations  
shall pass, like a dream, away.**

**But the word of our God endureth,  
whose arm is ever strong;  
God stands in the midst of nations,  
and soon will right the wrong.  
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs so gently hold;  
to pastures of peace will lead them,  
and bring them safe to fold.**

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## **Children's Choir**

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

**Hymn** VU#6 A Candle Is Burning<sup>2</sup> (v. 1 & 2)

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.**

**While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

### **Anthem**

**Message** Mark 1:1-8

**Hymn** VU#29 Hark the Glad Sound<sup>3</sup>

**Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.**

**He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to bless the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.**

**Minute for Mission** Regina Early Learning Centre

**Sung Response** VU#55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v. 4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

## Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#43 Go, Tell It on the Mountain<sup>4</sup>

*Refrain*     **Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.**

*Refrain*

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth!**

*Refrain*

**Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent our salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.**

*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)

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



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