



Sunset United Church

December 23, 2018



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard
Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey
Choir Director: Nancy Edwards
Pianists: Shirley Hill/Kevin Petrychyn

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles



During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in
our Saviour's birth.

**Christ is our light and the source of everlasting
love.**

Advent calls us to love others with patience and
kindness.

**Christ is our light and the source of everlasting
love.**

Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

**Christ is our light and the source of everlasting
love.**

Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

This morning we light four candles: the candles of hope, peace, joy and today's candle -love. This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that God sent his only son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have life everlasting. Today we celebrate God's gift of love and remember that we have been commanded to love others as God loves us.

Sung Response:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
And end this gloom of night.
Bring hope to the world,
Bring peace to the earth,
And fill us with love's pure light.

Call to Worship:

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the end of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God!

For great is the Holy One in our midst,

Blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

We gather together on this day of anticipation and wonder

**Our glad songs joining with the voices of the faithful
all over the world.**

So, come, let us sing God's story of Love born for us. Let us join our hearts and voices in worship.

Prayer of Approach:

Holy One, on this last Sunday of Advent, help us to make room for the child that comes. Help us to open ourselves to the Love that God offers through that wee infant. Here in this place, on this last day of waiting, help us to be present to your wisdom, to your Spirit in our lives. Amen.

Hymn: VU#19 Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark *

The Story of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Hymn: VU#1 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 2, 3, 7) **

The Story of *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Hymn: VU#8 Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming ***

Sharing the Story

The History of *Jesus, Our Brother*

Hymn: VU#56 Jesus, Our Brother ****



Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-56

The Story of *My Soul Gives Glory to my God*

Hymn: VU#899 My Soul Gives Glory to my God <<

WE RESPOND

Offering Dedication

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

Prayer

The Story of *What Child is This?*

Hymn: VU#74 What Child is This? <<*

Prayers of the Community & The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Sung with VU#67 Silent Night <<**

The Story of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn: VU#64 O Little Town of Bethlehem <<***

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



*Words: James Lewis Milligan 1925, alt. Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft 1938. Music copyright © 1938 Henry Hugh Bancroft. Used by permission of Eldred Bancroft. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

**Words: from the Latin antiphons for Advent, ca. 9th century; trans. John Mason Neale 1851, et al. Music: 15th century plainsong melody; arr. Healey Willan. Words copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Arrangement copyright © Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

***Words: German, 15th century, English trans. Theodore Baker 1894. Music: German traditional melody 1599; harm Michael Praetorius 1609.

**** Words: French carol, 12th century; trans. Robert Davis, alt. Music: medieval French melody; attrib. Pierre de Corbeil; harm. Carlton R. Young 1987. Translation copyright © CPP/Belwin, Inc. Harmony copyright © 1989 the United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

<<Words: Miriam Therese Winter 1978, 1987 Music: melody from Kentucky Harmony 1816; harm. C. Winfred Douglas 1940 Words copyright © 1978, 1987 Medical Mission Sisters. Harmony copyright ©

The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

<<<<Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy: arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005. Words and music copyright © by Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy. Arrangement copyright © 2005 Alan C. Whitmore All rights reserved. Used with permission. One License # 605683

<< Words: William Chatterton Dix ca. 1865 Music: English melody, 16th century; harm, attrib John Stainer 1871*

*<<** Joseph Mohr 1818; English trans. John Freeman Young 1863, et al. Music: Franz Xavier Gruber 1818.*

*<<*** Words: Phillips Brooks 1868 Music: Lewis Henry Redner 1868.*