



# South Regina United Community

December 3, 2023



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

**Bell Choir** Patapan

*Arrangement: Linda Lamb and Bill Ingram*

*Publisher: Ring Out! Press, div. of Jeffers Handbell Supply*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

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

**All: And also with you!**

One: The time is coming, the time is near!

**All: God is about to do a new thing, can you feel it?**

One: The world is about to be reborn and we're invited to the birth celebrations!

**All: Promises are being kept, paths are made smooth, and opportunities are being presented.**

One: God is going to be known in a new way.

**All: God known in humility and service, in hope for outcast, in love for neighbour.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Spirit of each new day, we come together in community to be a living embodiment of hope. When the world seems chaotic or cruel, we gather to be reminded of your call to be neighbourly. When doubt clouds the clarity of our vision, we gather to celebrate that doubt is birthplace of curiosity. When others hope for a sanctuary, a place of welcome and friendship, we pray that we be that place, making your love known. 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#5 All Earth Is Waiting<sup>1</sup>

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and open furrows await the seed of God.  
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.'  
One whose name is 'God with us', our Saviour shall be,  
through whom hope will blossom once more  
within our hearts.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,  
open new highways, new highways for our God,  
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

**In lowly stable the Promised One appeared.  
Yet, feel that presence throughout the earth today,  
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.**

**Candle Lighting**

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

**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.**

**Bell Choir** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Arrangement: Carol Lynn Mizell  
Publisher: Choristers Guild*

**Message**      Mark 13:24-37

**Hymn**    VU#713 I See a New Heaven<sup>3</sup>

*Refrain*      **I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.**

**There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be.**

*Refrain*

**There, there where death dies and our lives are born  
again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain.**

*Refrain*

**There, there where the darkness brings visions from  
above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love.**

*Refrain*

**There, there where we work with the love of  
healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land.**

**Minute for Mission**

**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.**

**Bell Choir**      Coventry Carol

*Arrangement: Lloyd Larson*

*Publisher: Lorenz Publishing Company*

## Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#424 May the God of Hope Go with Us<sup>4</sup>

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

*Refrain* **Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.**

*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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