



Sunset United Church



February 2, 2020 -
Epiphany 4

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

Choir Director: Nancy Edwards

Pianist: Shirley Hill

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Christa Eidsness

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: MV62 There is Room for All

Christ Candle

We light this candle

To remind us of the presence of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines for each of us.**

We light this candle

To remind us of the love of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines equally for the world.**

Call to Worship

God, you taught our ancestors to sing with their souls while in
a foreign land.

Through music, you taught Black peoples to persevere and trust in you, even as their hearts and bodies were broken.

Your power God, moved through our ancestors, as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

There would be no Underground Railroad, or Civil Rights Movement without a song, and there would be no song without You. Let everything that has breath, praise you!

Hymn: MV 6 Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives (v. 1,2,3)

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

Today in our worship,

We recognize people of African Descent

And lament anti-Black racism and violence.

We pray that the Spirit will reorient us:

Challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement;

expecting us to be a blessing to the earth.

We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness, we will be close to becoming a church where the good news is lived out:

Faith nurtured and hearts comforted,

Gifts shared for the good of all,

Resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,

fierce love in the face of violence,

human dignity defended,

members of a community held and inspired by God.

Through our tears and silent confessions, may we witness to your love and grace

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

God is our refuge and home.

God is our strength and center.

God is a very present help.

God has always been and always will be, our very present help.

Sung Response: MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I am

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: There is No One Like Jesus

Sharing the Story

Reflection:

A History in Song - written by Alydia Smith

The 1600s

Hymn: VU262 A Mighty Fortress is Our God (verses 1 and 4)

The 1700s

Hymn: VU333 Love Divine (verses 1, 2)

Scripture: James 2: 1-10, 14-17

The 1800s

Hymn: VU708 My Lord, What a Morning.

The 1900s

Hymn: VU575 I'm Gonna Live So

The 2000s

Hymn: MV167 Hush! Hush!

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

Offering Prayer:

Communion

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving

Sung Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 716 My Life Flows On

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude