



Sunset United Church

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

Guest Worship Leader: Bryan Tudor



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle¹

We light these candles to remind us that the light of Christ shines upon us each and every day.

We worship God revealed through Jesus the Christ, in spirit and in truth.

And we light these candles to remind us that the light of Christ shines on us all.

We are all beloved children of God. Amen.

Call to Worship²

Scripture reminds us that those who wait for God will renew their strength, and so we wait for God.

We wait for God to bring the living of our lives to be blessed, to find meaning and purpose for living every day and to renew our strength that we might serve

God well and fully in all the places life calls us to be.
Worship offers us the invitation to spend time with
God, to experience the still, small voice, and, inspired
by that voice, to find our way forward.

Come, and let us worship God.

Opening Psalm

Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people,
who do not follow the example of sinners or join those
who have no use for God.

Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord,
and they study it day and night.

They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time,
and whose leaves do not dry up.

They succeed in everything they do.

Hymn MV#144 Like a Healing Stream³

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war...like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

-time of silent prayer -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#96 And When You Call for Me⁴ (3x)
And when you call for me, I have already answered.
And when you call for me, I am already there.

Sharing the Story

Hymn VU#365 Jesus Loves Me⁵

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me'

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-8
Luke 6:20-31

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn MV#78 God Weeps⁶

God weeps at love withheld,
at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.

God bleeds at anger's fist,
at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths,
at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care,
God cries.

God waits for stones to melt,
for peace to seed,

for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.

Love the Way God Loves – Missions and Service

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU#273 The King of Love⁷

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;

thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen VU#974⁸

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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