



# Sunset United Church

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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: Something extraordinary is happening,

**All: A change that will transform the world.**

One: Like a butterfly breaking free of a chrysalis,

**All: Christ calls us to break free from the bounds of fear, sin and loneliness.**

One: Something extraordinary is happening,

**All: Individuals have come together to become the community of God!**

One: Different people with different ways of thinking,

**All: United in the prayer of making the kingdom of God a reality!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Gracious and holy spirit, you have called us to this place and we have answered. We enter into worship to hear your wisdom and be nourished by your presence. We seek the wisdom to know what it is that you ask of us, and the courage to follow in your way. We seek to be touched by your transforming grace, to become more than what we were, more ready to answer, more willing to show love, more grateful for the blessing you provide. 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#460 All Who Hunger<sup>1</sup>**

**All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wandering.**

**Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness and roaming.**

**Here, in joy, we keep the feast.**

**We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.**

**Come from loneliness and longing.**

**Here, in peace, we have been led.**

**Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Scripture Readings** Matthew 17:1-9

**Hymn** MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath<sup>2</sup>

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.  
Comfort us. When we know you are near  
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.  
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the  
new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Message**

**Hymn** MV#194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul<sup>3</sup>

**Bread of life, feed my soul,  
as the presence of the Spirit  
makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
with the grace and mercy you impart.**

**I have heard your voice calling,  
"Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you  
to show how much I care."**

**Bread of life, help me live  
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.  
Bread of life, help me see  
the boundless love of Christ  
for you and me.**

I have heard your voice calling,  
"Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you  
to show how much I care."

Bread of life, feed my soul,  
as the presence of the Spirit  
makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
with the grace and mercy you impart.

### Minute for Mission

Response Hymn MV#191 What Can I Do?<sup>4</sup>

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

### Service At The Table

#### Passing of the Peace

One: May the love of God be with you all

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Sung Response MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New<sup>5</sup>

**Behold, behold,**

**I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold,**

**I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

One: For all you have given us and all you will still provide,  
we offer you thanks:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God,  
power of life and love!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna through the ages!**

**Blest is the one who comes to bring justice to your earth!**

## **Sharing the Feast**

**Hymn** VU#639 One More Step Along the World I Go<sup>6</sup>

**One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you:**

*Refrain* **And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.**

**Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:**

*Refrain*

**As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know:**

*Refrain*

**Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:**

*Refrain*

**You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:**

*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)



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