



Sunset United Church

February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday



*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 Candle

Call to Worship¹

Opening Prayer²

O God,

We come today to refresh and to restore all that is within our
hearts and minds.

Like the disciples climbing the mountain with Jesus,

We come expecting nothing

Yet prepared to experience your love.

During this time together,

May we find our true selves

Just as Jesus' true self was revealed

On the mountaintop.

May we find your wisdom

And its strength,
For we know that your love restores,
And refreshes us in mysterious ways.
O God, fill us anew. Amen.

Hymn VU#104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding³

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation¹

Mothering God,

We confess that we often wish to spend all of our time

With you on the mountain top,

Where we are sure of your presence,

Where we feel connected to you.

**We confess that when we come down
from the mountain**

we often fail to go back

into the world to be your hands and feet.

We struggle to see you

in the faces of our neighbour

and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness

we see in the world.

Forgive us, O God,

When our vision is limited

And our actions do not live out our discipleship.

- time of silent prayer -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#96 And When You Call for Me⁴

And when you call for me, I have already answered.

And when you call for me, I am already there.

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#156 Dance with the Spirit⁵

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',

Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.

Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',

listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

WE LISTEN

Scripture II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling⁶

Love divine, all loves excelling
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive,
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU#619 Healer of Our Every Ill⁷

Refrain Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Refrain Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

In the pain and joy beholding,
how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love.

Refrain Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Refrain Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Refrain Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen VU#974⁸

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
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Postlude



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Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



¹ Written by Joanna Harder and posted on Spacious Faith.

<https://spaciousfaith.com/>.

² Prayer originally posted on

<http://www.gcsrw.org/Portals/4/WHM.worship%20March%202.pdf>.

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