

Sunset United Church



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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 Worship*

Hymn: MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

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1. *It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea.*

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song,

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

4. It's a chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

Call to Confession*

Prayer of Confession*:

Listening God,

Take what is closed in us and open it.

Take what is distracted in us and settle it.

Take what is hurting in us and hold it.

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from
you.

For we are like Peter, O God.

We argue what we don't know.

We fear what we cannot see.

And we almost always speak sooner
than we listen.

So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.

We long to hear you more clearly.

We long to know you more fully.

With hope we pray,

And with gratitude we confess.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness*:

Siblings in Christ,

We confess with gratitude because we know

That God already has heard and forgiven us.

No matter what we have done or left undone,

We are held in God's hand.

So rest in this good news:

God invites us in.

God meets us where we are.

God hears our prayers.

God forgives us.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Sung Refrain: VU#278 In the Quiet Curve of Evening
(verse 3 only) ***

*In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.*

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(2nd Sunday of Lent verse only) ****

*In our call to be a blessing,
May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.*

WE LISTEN

Prayer for Illumination*:

Scripture: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Mark 8: 31-38

Hymn: MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name **^^

1. *I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have gifted you
and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen;
you are mine.*

2. *I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people,
help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.*

3. *I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
then let it go.*

4. *I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.*

Reflection

Special Music: “Did You Think to Pray”
Arranged by Greg Gilpin
-sung by David Gerhard and Corinne Groff
-Accompanied by Shirley Hill

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer*

Hymn: VU#634 To Abraham and Sarah

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1. *To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear,
“Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.”*
2. *From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey*

on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
"that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

3. We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
"that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

Lenten Benediction*:

Postlude



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