



Sunset United Church

February 5, 2023



*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: The salt of the earth has been invited to worship;

All: Invited by the one who seasons all our lives.

One: The light of the world shines forth from this place;

All: A light that finds it's source in God's grace.

One: Everyone is invited to the celebrations;

All: Let us sing out our praises and rejoice our blessings.

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we enter this place of worship, to be reminded that your presence is with us always. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" and we come to be reminded of how bright that light shines. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth" and we come to this place to have our lives seasoned with your spirit and renewed through our fellowship.

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 MV#28 God of the Bible¹

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain **Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

Refrain

**Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.**

Refrain

**Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.**

Refrain

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other
till our world changes facing the Cross.**

Refrain

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Readings Psalm 84 (*responsive*)

Refrain **How lovely is your dwelling place,
O God of hosts, to me!**

How lovely is your dwelling place, God of hosts!
My soul longs, even faints for the courts of God;
 my heart and my flesh cry for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
 at your altars, God of hosts, my sovereign, my God. R

Refrain

Happy are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise.
 **Happy are those whose strength is in you,
 who have set their heart on pilgrimage.**
Going through the valley of Baca
they find a spring from which also to drink;
 the early rain also covers it with pools of water.
They go from strength to strength,
 to appear before God in Zion. R

Refrain

O God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.
 **Behold, O God, our shield, look on the face of your
 anointed.**
Truly a day in your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
 **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
 than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
For you, God, are a sun and shield,
you will give grace and honour.
No good thing will you withhold
from those who live the upright life.
 **O God of hosts,
 happy are those who put their trust in you.**

Refrain

Matthew 5:13-20

Hymn VU#585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

**Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

Message

Hymn VU#82 A Light Is Gleaming²

Refrain **A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears.**

Refrain

**When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.**

Refrain

**And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign:**

Refrain

**So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
warming all our days.**

Refrain

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn MV#191 What Can I Do?³

**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.**

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#646 We Are Marching⁴

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)**

**Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)**

**siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)**

**Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)**

siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.**

Blessing and Sending



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