



Sunset United Church

February 6, 2022

Black History Month

Fishing So Others Can Have a Meal



*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

Call to Worship

We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ
Who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.

We come to worship with open hearts and minds

And a soul ablaze for justice and equality.

We come to meet God and each other.

Let us worship in love and understanding.

Opening Prayer¹

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

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation¹

-time of silent prayer -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#95 How Deep the Peace³

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs
are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts
are healed.

Sharing the Story

Hymn VU#575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me⁴

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

WE LISTEN

Scripture Psalm 138
Luke 5:1-11
I Peter 1:3-9

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn MV#140 As Long As We Follow⁵

As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
we know God's reign will surely come.

Refrain We know this, we know this.
Yes, God's reign will surely come.

As long as we hope there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.

Refrain

As long as we pray there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.

Refrain

As long as we act there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.

Refrain

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#586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of
Resurrection⁶

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen VU#974⁷

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

Postlude



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Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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