



Sunset United Church

January 15, 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: Come, come into this place of worship!

All: Go! says our God, into the waiting world

One: Come, to find renewal and refreshment.

**All: Go! says our God, to find the lost and lonely, to be
a light of life and love.**

One: Come, here in this place you are safe.

**All: Go! says our God, into the unknown, the new, the
scary, and find those who seek the security of
holiness.**

One: Come, with these people and in this place you will find
Christ's community!

**All: Go! says our God, into the world and find Christ's
ministry!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Spirit of newness, we enter into worship to offer
you a part of our lives. We offer the openness of
our hearts so that you may insert a bit more love.
We open our minds so that you can lead us to think
in new ways. We let down our guard so that we
can be a bit more vulnerable and be better able to
walk with the most vulnerable of our world. We
open up our schedules so that we may offer you
what you have given us, this day.
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#79 Arise, Your Light Is Come¹

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who
mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us
strong.**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading John 1:29-42

Hymn VU#376 Spirit of the Living God²

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Message Isaiah 49:1-7

Hymn VU#427 To Show by Touch and Word³

**To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.**

**Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.**

**Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.**

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn MV#191 What Can I Do?⁴

**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 MV#135 Called by Earth and Sky⁵

Refrain **Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.**

Refrain

**Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.**

Refrain

**Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.**

Refrain

**Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Free of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.**

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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