



Sunset United Church

January 22, 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: Into community we are called,

All: And into community we come!

One: We are called to be united in spirit, united in the Gospel, united in our devotion to God;

All: United in our care for each other and our world!

One: Come, all you children of God, open your doors, open your minds, open your hearts!

All: Open to the love, wisdom and grace of God!

One: Let us pray:

All: Gracious spirit, divine mystery, we come into worship to seek a path to you. We hear the stories of Jesus and are inspired. Still though, we know our hearing is imperfect; we still have much to learn. We therefore ask for the gift of humility so that we might be ready to hear the voices of others, seek new ways of understanding Christ's teaching, and be open to new ways you may be touching our hearts.

**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#402 We Are One¹

**We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

**We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.**

**We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-23

Hymn VU#588 Many Are the Lightbeams²

Many are the lightbeams from the one light.

Our one light is Jesus.

Many are the lightbeams from the one light;

we are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree.

Our one tree is Jesus.

Many are the branches of the one tree;

we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts given, love is all one.

Love's the gift of Jesus.

Many are the gifts given, love is all one;

we are one in Christ.

**Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one,
servant spirit of Jesus.**

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one;

we are one in Christ.

**Many are the members, the body is one,
members all of Jesus.**

Many are the members, the body is one;

we are one in Christ.

Message I Corinthians 1:1-9

Hymn VU#642 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;

naught be all else to me save that thou art,

thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;

I ever with thee, and thou in my life;

thou loving parent, thy child may I be,

thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

**Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

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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