



# Sunset United Church

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*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 and enter worship, something's about to happen

**All: The world is about to be transformed!**

One: God's wisdom will be known;

**All: Wisdom that is different from anything we've known.**

One: The poor shall be rich,

**All: The least shall be greatest,**

One: The outcast will be befriended,

**All: And all shall know God!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, spirit of transformation, we open ourselves to you as we worship. We open our hearts to your love; we open our minds to new ways of thinking; we open our lives to other people with their own message of your grace. May our words convey wisdom, our songs joy, and may your voice be heard in our holy silence. Finally, may we leave this place as new people, transformed into carriers of your blessing. 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** MVU#195 Long Ago and Far Away<sup>1</sup>

**Long ago and far away  
Jesus lived and worked and prayed  
healed the sick and the fearful and lonely  
lived his life to show us God's way.**

*Refrain* **Stretched his arms out as he said  
Fill the cup and share the bread  
Remember me in love and joy  
and blessing**

**Jesus gathered the children around him  
spoke of Love and the joy to be found  
told them stories of wisdom and wonder  
God's creation in all that's around.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus called all his friends to be with him  
share the bread and the cup once again  
life to you I will offer it gladly  
love will be with you right to the end.**

*Refrain*

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Message** Matthew 5:1-12

**Hymn** VU#716 My Life Flows On

**My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in my soul -  
how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
My Saviour still is living.  
What though the shadows gather 'round?  
A new song Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging:  
since Love commands both heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing:  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile  
our thoughts to them are winging:  
when friends by shame are undefiled,  
how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;  
I see the blue above it;  
and day by day this pathway smooths,  
since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing:  
all things are mine since I am Christ's -  
how can I keep from singing?

### **Minute for Mission**

**Response Hymn** MV#191 What Can I Do?<sup>2</sup>

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#896 Blest Are They<sup>3</sup> (Matthew 5)

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain*     **Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God.**

**Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.**

*Refrain*

**Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.**

*Refrain*

**Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.**

*Refrain*

**Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.**

*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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