



Sunset United Church

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



*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

We light these small candles.

**Even the smallest of flames can be the beacons of
hope.**

We pray that hope and love might fill our hearts.

May we carry this light with us, always.

Call to Worship²

In this time, we seek the presence of God.

**In this time, we yearn to discover companionship
from the Divine.**

In our lives, we cast our hopes upon an all-loving God.

Knowing that our Creator dreams with us.

Throughout each season, Our Divine Partner sustains us.

**Giving us the strength, the patience, and the desire to
live into our callings.**

Opening Prayer²

Spirit of Love,
As you hover above us,
Dance below us,
Encircle us, and energize us,
Our souls find transformation.
No longer do we believe that we are on our own;
We belong to you.
We are not without companions;
We have the love of neighbour sustaining us.
**In this season of hearts and flowers,
Open us to new ways of showering
Love in our world.
With gratitude,
We celebrate the love of our neighbours.
With thanksgiving, we celebrate your
Steadfast love.
Allow us to share this love
With all who ache and all who are lonely. Amen.**

Hymn VU#372 Though I May Speak³

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

-time of silent prayer -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#95 How Deep the Peace⁴

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#605 Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold⁵

Jesus, teacher, brave and bold,
let us serve you, young and old.

Let us faith-filled workers be,
all around, your wisdom see,
Let us play and dance and sing,
your goodness find in everything.

Jesus, friend, so strong and true,
show us good, brave work to do.
Show us those who need a friend,
all things broken help us mend.
Free our minds and stretch our care,
teach us to serve you everywhere.

WE LISTEN

Scripture I Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling⁶

Love divine, all loves excelling
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive,
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,

till in heaven we take our place
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*- For the Lord's prayer use the language and wording
most familiar to you -*

Hymn VU#427 To Show by Touch and Word⁷

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.

Benediction

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen VU#974⁸

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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