



Sunset United Church

July 10, 2022 – 5th after Pentecost (Proper 10)

Tri-Church Summer Worship

Lakeview-Sunset-Wesley United Churches



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Hymn VU#402 We Are One¹ (v. 1)

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.

Lighting the Candles and Pouring the Water

We light the Christ candle to remind us of the presence of Christ within us and around us.

May this light illuminate our worship and our lives as we gather together as God's people.

We light the rainbow candle to remind us of the wonderful diversity of God's people.

May the light from the rainbow candle remind us that all are welcome in God's realm and that all are welcome to this service of worship.

We pour this water to remind us of God's refreshing presence in our lives.

May the sound of the water remind us that whoever drinks the water Jesus offers will never thirst, for the water Jesus gives will become a spring of living water welling up to eternal life."

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer²

Holy God, we come together to worship as people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls and with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives that clamour for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are and who you are, and we forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, gathered before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy; that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

Hymn VU#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus³

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 traveling days are done.

Prayer of Confession⁴

Loving Spirit God, in our hymn we have heard that Jesus said “Come to me and rest”, “behold I freely give living water”, and “I am this dark world’s light,” and we are grateful for words of comfort we find in the Bible. Yet we

know that you didn't stop speaking to us 2000 years ago, and that you are a God that is still speaking. We pray that we may hear you speaking to us.

In the lives of neighbours who suffer brokenness and pain, we know you are still speaking. In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honoured, we know you are still speaking. In the voices of LGBTQIA and Two Spirit people, we know you are still speaking words of inclusion and love.

In a world crying out for love and kindness, we know you are still speaking. In a world calling for the blessing of truth, we know you are still speaking. In a world desperately needing peace, we know you are still speaking.

We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and to silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all. Strengthen us to love our neighbours and speak truth no matter what the consequences may be. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#89 Love Is the Touch⁵

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in the lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;

love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan
 (New International Version)

Special Music

Reflection “Go and do likewise.”

Hymn VU#600 When I Needed a Neighbour⁶

When I needed a neighbour,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the colour
 and the name won't matter,
 were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.

Refrain And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

Mission and Service – Every Gift Is a Story of Generosity

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU#593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love⁷

Refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
Neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen

Postlude



Guest Minister: Bryan Tudor

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

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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⁴ Prayer of confession adapted from a prayer written by Leticia Rouser, a chaplain in the United States Navy and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>.

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