



Tri-Church Summer Worship Lakeview, Sunset & Wesley United Churches



6th Sunday after Pentecost – July 12th, 2020

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Sunset United Church, 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 Candle:

This candle dances with the presence of the Spirit,
Reminding us of the warmth of community,
Three churches gathered as one.

As this joint community

We affirm that God calls us to gather,

And as the flame of wisdom,

Insight and divine love flickers,

We worship the One who gathers us.

Hymn: MV#61 I Praise You, O God *

I praise you, O God, with all my heart
With all the earth I will sing your praises

Call to Worship: **

Some of us may have come this morning
To get closer to God.

Some of us may have come this morning
Without much sense of God or belief at all.

But likely,

All of us have come wanting to know
We matter and wanting to know

That our journey through life is significant,
That we make a difference.

Indeed,

Many of us may have come wanting
To make a difference in this world,

For one of the unique things about a church
Is that it does provide avenues to offer help

And make a difference,

Which may be hard to do just on your own.

So, we gather as community,

A community of faithfulness,

A community of reflection, of connection,

And of mission.

We worship!

Opening Prayer ^^**

Creator God, we come today grateful

For the gentle breezes of summer,

And secure in the faith that we live

**Surrounded by your love.
We come to worship today
Professing a simple faith:
You are God,
And in you, all things are possible.
Amen.**

Sing:

VU#415 God, We Praise You for the Morning ***

God, we praise you for the morning,
Hope spring forth with each new day,
New beginning, prayer and promise,
Joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
Mountain, seas and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
In your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
All the love that you show;
Human touching, tears and laughter
Help your children to grow.

God we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
Restless searcher, gentle teacher,
Help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for the Saviour
Come that we may know your ways.

In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our Days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our Days.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

For the times we turn away
Forgive us, Creator.

Forgive us, Creator.

For the times we believe
That only people like us can teach us,
Forgive us, Christ.

Forgive us, Christ.

For the times we hoard our love,
Keeping it locked up and hidden;
For the times we try to hoard Your love,
Working to keep it just for us –
For people who look like us,
Or believe what we believe –
Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, God,
And in that forgiving
Help us to be whole –
The people you've created us to be.
(time of silence to offer personal prayers)

Affirmation of Forgiveness *^*

People of Christ! –

Remember, there is nothing that can separate
Creation from God's love!

We are forgiven!

Sung Response: MV#97 Listen, God is Calling **^**

(Listen) Listen, God is calling,
Through the word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort and joy.

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#122 This is the Day *^^

This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad!
This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad.
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad.

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Reflection

Special Music

WE RESPOND

Dedication of gifts shared during the pandemic

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung
VU#959)

Hymn: MV#174 Soil of God, You and I *****

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
Seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy Ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
Part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
Joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All together, this is Holy ground.

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Amen (VU#974 ^*^*)

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude



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