



Sunset United Church

July 16, 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: Welcome! Welcome to all, welcome to worship!

**All: In person, on line, first times and long timers, all
God's people gathered in holy community!**

One: Come from your rest and relaxation,

**All: to be inspired and even provoked into lending a
hand building God's realm.**

One: Come all you who are weary and carrying heavy
burdens,

**All: And find sanctuary, a community of loving, active
compassion.**

One: No matter who you are or how you found yourself here,

All You are home!

One: Let us pray:

**All: Spirit of newness and renewal, we gather as your
people to listen for your wisdom and feel your
presence. Help us discern a path for us as
individuals and as we a community to live into your
call. Lend us the courage to set aside fear so we
can courageously answer you. Grant us open
minds so we can re-discover who we are as your
people. Inspire us to open our hearts to new
relationships with you and with our neighbours.
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 MV#23 Come, O Holy Spirit¹

**Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!**

Refrain **Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!
I said a-come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!**

**Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm.**

Refrain **Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!
I said a-come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!**

**Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now!**

Refrain **Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.**

**All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!
I said a-come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!**

Theme Time

Special Music

Message Matthew 23:19-29

Hymn VU#684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace²

**Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Minute for Mission

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle³

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky⁴

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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)

Audio/Visual Technician: Bonnie Tudor (she/they)



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