

Sunset United Church



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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 and Affirming Candles*

Hymn: MV#7 Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

*Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.*

Call to Worship

In love, God has created a world of abundance for all to share.

We come to give thanks to God, the Creator.

In love, God sent us Jesus to show us how to live abundant life.

We come to learn the Way of Christ.

In love, God blesses us with the Spirit so we might have abundant joy.

We come to rejoice in the Spirit. Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer*

Hymn: VU#460 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly a House*^*

- All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*
- All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

3. *All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
Live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation[^]
**Holy One, you call us to love,
Not as a feeling, but as an action.
Sometimes, the need of the world is so great
That we get stuck.
Frozen.
Help us, we pray.
Open our senses
And move our bodies
To the places where we can serve you,
As we serve another with love.**
(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid



*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.*

Sharing the Story:

Hymn: MV#195 Long Ago and Far Away



1. *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.*

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

2. *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.*

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

3. *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.*

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

Scripture: Luke 6: 1-5
John 6: 1-13

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn: MV#194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

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1. *Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.*
2. *I have heard your voice calling,
“Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care.”*
3. *Bread of life, help me live
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see*

the boundless love of Christ for you and me.

4. *I have heard your voice calling,
“Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care.”*

5. *Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.*

Celebrating Communion

Hymn: VU#356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God *^^

1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God’s righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.*

2. *Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.*

3. *We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.*

Benediction

Amen

Postlude

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