



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



5th Sunday after Pentecost – July 5th, 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: **

To share in laughter, to pray and sing together,
Even though separated,
To cry, to breathe, to move, to be!

**The gift of incarnation,
Our bodies, tangible, real and free!**

To feel Jesus carrying our burdens,
To love even as we are loved,
To know that our yoke is easy,
Our burden is light,

**Because it is love shared,
Shared with Christ,
Shared with others,
And shared within community.**

This is God's gift, that we might be all that we are.

**So, let us celebrate God,
With heart, body, mind and soul!
Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer ^^**

Holy One,
Embodied by those gathered
In community today,
Here we are.

**Here we are,
Ready to celebrate this day!
Open our minds to possibility.**

**Open our hearts to love freely.
Open our hands to each other.
Work through us, in us, and amongst us,
We pray. Amen.**

Sing: VU#395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down ***

Refrain

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain,
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family.

God is with us in this place
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace
For we are a part of the family.

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

God of love,

There are days when we struggle to see

Another's point of view.

There are days when loving without

Expectation is hard to do.

There are days when letting our hands

reach out to others seems like

an impossible task.

There are days when the

Call to be your people in this world

Feels like a yoke that is too heavy to carry

For these days, we pray for forgiveness.

For these days, we pray for strength.

(time of silence to offer personal prayers)

Affirmation of Forgiveness *^*

Friends! I get to share this news:

God is not only a God of love,

But a God of grace.

In God, there is a place where all are welcome,

All may be forgiven

All will be comforted,

All will be loved.

This is Good News!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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: VU#230 Heaven is Singing for Joy *^^

Heaven is singing for joy, hallelujah
For in your life and in mine
Is shining the glory of God.

Refrain

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Heaven is singing for joy, hallelujah
For your life and mine unite
in the love of our God.

Heaven is singing for joy, hallelujah
For your life and mine
Will always bear witness to God.

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Reflection

Special Music

WE RESPOND

Dedication of gifts shared during the pandemic

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

Hymn: VU#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus *****

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.

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Amen (VU#974 ^*^*)

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude



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