



Sunset United Church

June 11, 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 home! We're so glad you're here!

All: This place belongs to God so no one has a claim on any chair. No one has authority to say who belongs and who does not.

One: Welcome home, the table's been set and there's a place especially for you!

All: Here, we celebrate one another, we need each other, we are better because of our diversity.

One: Welcome home! We love you!

All: In this place, we strive to love as God loves: without end, without exception, mind, body, soul, and strength.

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, into your creation you bring us and call us into relationship. Into the mystery of your being, you call us to faith. We seek your wisdom through our questions, we seek your spirit through our worship, and we long to participate in your ongoing work as we answer your call. Through all this though, we know that faith reaches farther than understanding and that embracing holy mystery is the path of wisdom.

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#1 Let Us Build a House¹

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to
forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and
vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain **All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words
are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's
reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of
God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

Refrain **All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the
wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word
they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's
face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

Refrain **All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and
visions heard**

**and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words
within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and
songs of grace;**

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain **All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Theme Time

Anthem

Message Luke 14:1, 12-14

Hymn MV#194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul²

**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.**

**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.”**

**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.**

**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.”**

**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.**

Minute for Mission

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle³

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Holy Communion

Sung Response MV#202 Bread for the Journey⁴
**Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessings, tomorrow, today.**

Passing of the Peace

One: May the love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up our hearts.

All: We lift our hearts in prayer.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

One: Loving God, source of all,
we thank you and praise you with our lips and with our
lives,
that having created us and all things through your holy
Word,
you welcome our prayer and praise.

Prayers

One: We join in these words of thanksgiving:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God,
power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the one who comes to bring justice to your
earth!**

Hymn VU#691 Though Ancient Walls⁵

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!**

Refrain **Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

**When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack.**

Refrain

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new.**

Refrain

**The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name!**

Refrain

**This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery!**

Refrain

Blessing and Sending



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