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Sunset United Church

June 19, 2022 – 2nd after Pentecost (Proper 7) Tri-Church Summer Worship Lakeview-Sunset-Wesley United Churches



Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory, is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER¹

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words

Centering Music MV#7 Gather Us In²

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Worship

In millions of languages our God speaks.

In millions of hearts our God lives.

Never bound by time or space, never controlled by politics or race, our God hears all prayers, loves all people, rejoices in all life.

We gather, in person and online,

To celebrate the diversity of our God,
To seek forgiveness for the times
We have not recognized Christ's face,
And to revel in the presence of the one
Who knows us –
Every hue, every tongue,
every pound of doubt,
every ounce of faith –
and loves us anyway.

Let us pray together the words that have come to mean so much to us, words we will hear repeated many times today...

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,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn MV#28 God of the Bible³
God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss, bonding us gladly one to the other till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

These words, so new and yet familiar, Speak to the very heart of our faith. We need God's presence in our lives to live, To grow, to learn and to love. Celebrate the freedom we find In the peace and forgiveness of Christ. We give thanks for our vibrant God And celebrate the mercy That is showered upon us! Thanks be to God.

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle⁴
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Passing the Peace

Hymn VU#664 What A Friend We Have In Jesus⁵ (v. 1 & 2)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Sharing the Story

Hymn VU#664 What A Friend We Have In Jesus⁵ (v. 3)
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?

Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Romans 8:26-27

Luke 11:1-10

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#835 Praise to the Lord⁶

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants, Blessèd be the name of our God now and ever. From the rising up of the sun may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer⁷
Loving God, through the Spirit's revelation,
May Your true nature

be honoured everywhere.

May Your reign of love come.

May desire of Your heart

for the world be done,

In us, by us and through us

in the power of the Spirit.

Give us the bread we need for each day.

Forgive us.

Enable us to forgive others.

Keep us from all anxiety and fear.

For You reign in the power that comes

From love which is Your glory,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart⁸

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen (Hallelujah Amen)

Postlude

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