



Sunset United Church



June 9th 2019 –

Pride/Pentecost Sunday

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

Choir Director: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: MV#62 There is Room for All

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship

God, the Creator, is with us this day.

And so we gather in the name of the One

Who made the sun and the moon,

The one who made the ocean waves and the prairie
wind.

The One, who made each of us

And who calls us to this place just as we are.

Sing: VU#372 Though I May Speak (v.1)

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Christ, the One who taught of a loving God, is with us this day.

**And it is in the shelter of God's love that we gather.
May this time be brushed with hope, peace and
acceptance.**

**As we celebrate this Pride Sunday,
We gather knowing it is in celebrating our great
diversity
That God's love is most clearly known.**

Sing: VU#372 Though I May Speak (v.2)

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Spirit, the Power that binds us together as community, is with us this day.

**And bound by the love of God, we rejoice and lift our
prayers.**

For here, though we are all different,

We are united, we belong,

And we find the space our souls need to rest

In the Creator and sing out to the Holy One.

Sing: VU#372 Though I May Speak (v.3)

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Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

God of life,

You are the one who paints rainbows in the sky,

You fill the earth with vibrant and varied creatures

And you make humanity a part of your holy covenant.

It is You who call us to this time of worship today

And so we come to You in hope.

We rejoice that here all people are free to come as they are.

We give thanks that in this space love is love,
Mercy is free, and hope is restored.

And yet we know we often fail,
As individuals, and as a church.

Forgive us those times we have turned people away,
Forgive us when we have intentionally made people
Feel unwelcome in our space,

By our misuse of preferred pronouns,
By letting homophobic, transphobic, racist,
Ageist, sexist, hateful words go unchallenged.

Forgive us for judging others, condemning others,
Hurting others

And fill us with the courage we need

To not only continue our journey of affirmation and
inclusion

But to embrace it into our everyday living
So that we might draw the circle even wider.

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: VU#958 Halle, halle, halle

Passing the Peace



WE LISTEN

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

Scripture: Genesis 9: 12-13
Colossians 3: 12-15

Reflection

Hymn: We are a Rainbow

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We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light.
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues
across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and
free.

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many
different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said, "Let there be light", created every varied
shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone
For our God will be with us on the way,

Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give
Thanks (chorus only) < **

Prayer:

Through the many gifts we are given,
May we use all that we are and all we have
To grow in acceptance, mercy and love
In the Spirit we present these gifts,
And in Christ's name we pray God's blessing upon
them.
Amen.

A Rainbow Candle Prayer

We light these flames

To ignite our hearts and minds -

The spark of knowledge that enlightens
The shimmering hope that burns,
The blazing love that engulfs our actions,
The bonfire of our commitment.

We light these flames for those

Who celebrate themselves

Who fear

Who hope

Who persevere

Who stand on the side of love for all.

We light these flames

For those who have been ridiculed,
That they may find peace;
For those who have fought to marry,
That they may celebrate;
For those who live in uncertainty in the world.
That they may have hope.

We light these flames

To renew our commitment
That no one shall ever again
Suffer for the right to love.

We light this flame

To celebrate our kaleidoscope of diversity:
Working, loving, and living on the side of love.
For this, we light these flames.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: MV#165 There is a Time

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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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