



Sunset United Church

March 13, 2022 – Lent 2

Full to the Brim: Under God's Wing



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle¹

Call to Worship²

If God is a hen,

We are under God's wing.

If God is a table,

We each have a seat.

If God is a house,

We are safe from the storm.

If God is a party,

We're invited to dance.

If God is a melody,

Our names are the lyrics.

If this is God's house,

Then all are welcomed.
All are loved.
All belong.

Hymn MV#1 Let Us Build a House³

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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus,
Jesus said:

“I will keep on.”

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person

Like a child of God.
I will keep on believing
that this world can change.
I will keep on
And keep on
And keep on until
God's promised day
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.

- silent prayer -

Words of Assurance

Family of Faith
Because Jesus' love just keeps going,
We can trust that love and grace exist for us.
So rest in this good news:
No matter what we do wrong,
Or what we leave undone,
We are under God's wing.
We are loved, held and forgiven.
Thanks be to God
For a love like that! Amen.

Sung Response MV#62 There Is Room for All⁴

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all!

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#99 Stand, O Stand Firm⁵

Stand, O stand firm. Stand, O stand firm.
Stand, O stand firm and see what our God can do.

WE LISTEN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 27 (NRSV translation and a modern paraphrase)
Luke 13:31-35

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#584 Through the Heart of Every City⁶

Through the heart of every city
runs the flow of human need.
'Mid this glass and steel are pulsing
smoldering wick and bruised reed.
Has our church a word to offer,
some hope shining from our creed?
Walking through the concrete furrows
Jesus sows the Word as seed.

Through the passing generations,
in their spirit, flesh and bone,
Jesus Christ becomes incarnate:
holy hearts are living stone
building here a house of refuge

as a temple, as a home.
So within the city's shadow
Jesus' planted Word has grown.

Through our worship and our witness,
Jesus, grant that we may still
hear the heartbeat of compassion
calling us to do your will.
You, our vine, and we, your branches,
deadened not by any chill,
working for that final city
where the harvest is fulfilled.

Prayers of the Community and 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.

Hymn VU#642 Be Thou My Vision⁷

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen (Traditional threefold Amen)

Postlude



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