



Sunset United Church

March 5, 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 *(Adapted from Psalm 82)*

One: May the love of God be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: God holds seat on our divine council and asks,

**All: What are you willing to do to bring about my
Realm?**

One: We come to answer God with a voice that calls for
justice for the lowly and lonely.

**All: We come to guide the weak and needy to the
promise of God's abundance.**

One: We come to learn the ways of God and share this with
all the earth

**All: Those who have been in darkness will see God's
light. All will understand God's grace. All will know
we are all the people of God!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, on this day we come to worship you. We
come to give thanks for our blessings, to share in
our joy, and to find wisdom to lead us into
tomorrow. On this day though, we also come to do
your work. We will meet to discern the roll this
congregation has in bringing about your promise.
We pray that our words and songs, as well as our
actions and decisions reflect your grace and
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

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:19-34

Hymn MV#154 Deep In Our Hearts²

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;
Telling creation that we are one.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose,
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal,
Deep in our hearts there is a common message,
Justice and peace in harmony.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current;
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;
Telling creation that we are one.**

Message

Hymn VU#296 This Is God's Wonderous World

**This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**

**This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn VU#541 Praise God from Whom All

Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing³

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

Blessing and Sending



Minister: Rev. Jim Tenford (he/him)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her) **Pianist:** Shirley Hill (she/her)



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