



Sunset United Church

May 1, 2022 – Easter 3C

Special Appeal: Carmichael Outreach



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle¹

Call to Worship¹

As a new day was dawning, Jesus said to his disciples,
“Have you not caught any fish?”

“No, we have not,” came the discouraged answer.

“Then try something new,

Put your nets down on the other side of the boat,”

Jesus said.

Without questioning why,

They did as Jesus suggested and

Could not haul in the bounty

Of fish they caught.

The same Jesus encourages us to take a risk,

Try something new

Even if we have doubts

Or think it is foolish.

We have come here today
To explore and follow
This new and different way,
This Jesus way of doing things.

Opening Prayer²

Hymn VU#381 Spirit of Life³

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession⁴

Sung Response MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am⁵

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#156 Dance with the Spirit⁶

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

WE LISTEN

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 9:1-20
John 21:1-19

Special Music

Reflection Bettyann Cox – Carmichael Outreach

Hymn VU#567 Will You Come and Follow Me⁷

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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#586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection⁸

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen (*Traditional threefold Amen*)

Postlude



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