





# Sunset United Church



May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020– Christian Family Sunday

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Sunset United Church, 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 Candle:**

We are here on this Easter season Sunday,  
Celebrating our faith,  
Celebrating our dispersed and yet connected  
Community,  
And celebrating life and ministry of Christ.  
This candle here reminds us  
That the love and life of this place,  
Is bright and present.

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: MV#62 There is Room for All \***

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!

**Call to Worship**

Come, mothers and all who mother!

Come, all who have or have had mothers –

**Through birth, adoption, or fostering,**

**Or simply by being taken under the wing**

**Of someone with a kindly, parental soul.**

Come, those for whom this day is difficult and confusing,  
those for whom today brings anger or grief.

**Today we worship in music and prayer**

**the God who loves us with a love beyond**

**anything we could ask for or imagine, beyond  
what we hope.**

Come, let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer:**

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units,  
we come as neighbours and friends.

We come here where we are known by name,  
welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.

We gather with kindred spirits  
who long to live faithful to your calling.  
Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,  
and nurture us in this time of worship  
so that we might be enabled to return  
to our daily lives ready to engage fully  
with all of your creation.  
We pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** MV#1      Let Us Build a House \*\*

1. 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.
2. 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*

4. 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*

5. 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*

### **Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

O God, you know how hard it is  
to live in relationships,  
and yet you call us to do so.

**At times it is hard to be fully present  
to our siblings and others  
in our nuclear family  
and within this Christian family.  
Our patience may be short,  
we sometimes don't really listen,  
we may be tired, or angry, or hungry,  
or lonely, or ...**

**whatever it is that keeps us  
from loving and caring for one another,  
help us to know that you are always with us,  
loving us so that we may love others.**

*(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)*

## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

**Sung Response: MV#115 Behold, Behold \*\*\***

Behold, behold, I make all things new  
Beginning with you, and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new  
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

## **Sharing the Story**

**Hymn: VU#661 Come to My Heart \*\*\*\***

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come to my heart today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
That only you can bring,  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
Give me a song to sing.

2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,  
Teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,  
Fill me with love today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
That only you can bring,  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,  
Give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus,  
Teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
Answer my prayer today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
That only you can bring,  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus.  
Give me a song to sing.

## **WE LISTEN**

**Scripture:** John 14: 1-14

**Reflection**

**Special Music**

## **WE RESPOND**

**Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung  
VU#595)**

**Hymn:**

VU#556 Would You Bless our Homes and Families \*\*\*\*\*

1. Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of life who calls us here,  
In our world of stress and tension  
Teaching us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
With a love that constant stays;  
Teach us when we face our troubles,  
Love's expressed in many ways.
2. When our way is undemanding  
Let us use the time that's ours  
To delight in simple pleasures,  
Sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
And a heavy path we plod,  
Teach us trust in one another  
And in you, our gracious God.
3. From the homes in which we're nurtured  
With the love that shapes us there,  
Teach us, God, to claim as family  
Every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
May we in your love remain;  
May the love we share in families  
Be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
Of our daily thought and care,  
Till the family you have chosen  
Spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
With a love that constant stays;  
Teach us when we face our troubles  
Love's expressed in many ways.

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude



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