



# Sunset United Church

May 14, 2023



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*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

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

**All: And also with you!**

One: Christ is with us, thanks be to God!

**All: We are never without our friend, and guide to  
God's realm**

One: God is with us, thanks be to God!

**All: The ground of our being, the tether to all creation,  
the source of all, holds us in relationship, leading  
us in the dance of the universe**

One: The Advocate of Truth is with us, thanks be to God

**All: We are called to live, work, and speak the truth of  
God's love for all.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy Spirit, all the world is waiting for our doors to  
open. Some wait to enter into a community that  
lives out sanctuary. Some are waiting for us to  
emerge with the message that God is redeeming,  
Christ is with us, and we are headed for the realm  
of God. May all that we do in this place refresh us  
and inspire us to engage this waiting world. Jesus  
words are true words and we are ready to live them  
out!**

**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#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath<sup>1</sup>**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.  
Comfort us. When we know you are near  
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.  
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new  
dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Message John 14:15-21**

**Hymn VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation<sup>2</sup>**

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

### **Minute for Mission**

**Sung Response** VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle<sup>3</sup>

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **Prayers for the World**

**Hymn** VU#625 I Feel the Fins of God<sup>4</sup>

**I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.**

**It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.**

**If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above;  
it bears your name alone.**

**Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift.**

## **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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