



Sunset United Church

May 15, 2022 - Easter 5C

Special Appeal: Lulu's Lodge



*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 Worship²

In loving partnership we come, Seeking O God, your will
to do

**As we gather for worship we open our hearts and souls
and minds.**

Loving community we seek: your hope and strength within
us move.

**As we gather at the table of faith, we pray that you will
fill and strengthen us.**

God of love, as we pray and listen and sing and ponder,

**Remind us of the power of love, help us keep love at
the center of our faith, of our work, of our life.**

In loving partnership, O God, help us your future to
proclaim

When our worship ends, lead us out to share your
love with friend and neighbour, stranger and enemy.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us about the
power of love. Amen

Words about Love²

All you need is love!... Love is all you need.

**God grant us the ability to love deeply, to love with
our whole being.**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you...

**We strive to follow the words and example of Jesus,
loving neighbours and enemies.**

*Tougher than diamonds and stronger than steel...that's the power
of love*

**May love be our strength, keeping us solid and soft all
at once.**

If we only have love...then love has no shadow.

**Held in the arms of your love, gracious God, we face
life and death and life beyond death with hope and
confidence.**

*If we only have love... then with nothing at all but the little we are
we'll have conquered all time, all space, the sun and the stars.*

**The greatest gift the Holy Spirit gives us is indeed love.
God, help us to remember to keep this love at the core
of our life, of our actions, of our very being.**

For in love, we meet you and know you and are known.

Amen.

Hymn VU#603 In Loving Partnership We Come³

**In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.**

Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#95 How Deep the Peace⁴

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs
are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts
are healed.

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#130 Rise Up, Rise Up⁵

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

WE LISTEN

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

Special Music

Reflection Tanya Young - Lulu's Lodge

Hymn MV#120 My Soul Cries Out⁶

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
 Let the fires of your justice burn.
 Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
 And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone
will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant
from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they
can never earn;

There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world
is about to turn.

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember
who holds us fast:

God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's
crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise
which holds us bound,

'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is
turning the world around.

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

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 MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer⁷

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be led by you, Lord.
We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be led by you, Lord.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Hallelujah Amen

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

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Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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