



Sunset United Church

May 22, 2022 - Easter 6C

Asian History Sunday – Our God Goes with Us



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Land Acknowledgment¹

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introduction to the Hymn

Hymn VU#666 In Lonely Mountain Ways²

In lonely mountain ways
of this world's trial and care,
my heart knows naught of fear scarred days;
the Master's hand is there.

My journey may be long,
the pathway rough and steep;
sufficient for each day my song;
my way the Lord does keep.

And though when evening falls,
a stone my pillow shapes,
the vision of our kingdom calls
and here a Bethel makes.

Opening Prayer

Creating and Loving God,
Today we thank you for the many different peoples
Of your world.
Help us to live together with respect for all creation,
Including the human family.
Help us to love one another and to honour
The unique gifts of each person.

**Forgive us when we judge
Others by our own standards,
Forgetting that your ways are not
Our ways and that You love all people.
Forgive us when we prejudge those
Who are different from ourselves.
Teach us your ways of love and justice,
That we might be the human family
As you intended;
That we might be bringers of your kin-dom**

-Silent prayer-

Words of Assurance

Let us hear the Words of Assurance. In Christ we can be
freed from the burdens of prejudice and ignorance. In
Christ we are a new creation.

Thanks be to God!

Sung Response MV#95 How Deep the Peace³

**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 VU#243 Praise to God⁴

Praise to God, praise to God,
for the greenness of the trees,
for the beauty of the flowers,
for the blueness of the sky,
for the greatness of the sea.

Praise to God, praise to God,
now and forevermore.

Thanks to God, thanks to God,
for the gift of friends in Christ,
for the church, our house of faith,
for the gift of wonderful love,
for the gift of endless grace.

Thanks to God, thanks to God,
now and forevermore.

Glory to God, glory to God,
for the grace of Christ, the Son,
for the love of parent God,
for the comfort and the strength
of the Spirit, holy God.

Glory to God, glory to God,
now and forevermore.

WE LISTEN

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Micah 6:1-8
Acts 10:34-43

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn “Our God Goes With Us” – David Kai⁵

Chorus:

Our God goes with us wherever we may roam,
Our God goes with us, makes each new place our home
As God goes with us we live by faith, not fear,
Thanks be to God, ever ‘fore us, ever near.

1. The Spirit moved, blew boats across the sea,
Brooded in hearts that struggled to be free,
New life, new faith, new challenges to dare,
Through blood, sweat, toil, bitter tears, our God was there.
2. The Spirit wept as hatred’s flames were fanned,
As trains of tears streamed from the promised land,
In lonely mountain paths our God was found,
Faith, hope, and love making ghost towns holy ground.
3. The Spirit urged, go forth and start anew,
Rebuild my church, a sanctuary true,
Welcomed by friends, their paths entwined as one,
Stronger united with ev’ry rising sun.
4. The Spirit leads; the future, still unknown,
Is not to fear, we trust in God alone,
Be with us still as we move on again,
Strengthen, inspire us, our Saviour and our Friend.

Prayers of the Community and the Lord’s Prayer

Prayer response God, in your love
Hear our 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#1 Let Us Build A House (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)⁶

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.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Hallelujah Amen

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

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

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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