



Sunset United Church

May 29, 2022 - Easter 7C

How Can We Keep From Singing?



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words¹

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship¹

From the beginning of time, the universe has hummed
with creative energy.

**The rhythm of love pulses in our veins and echoes in
our heartbeat.**

With a breath, God began the whisper of life and it
reverberates in our breathing.

**We live and breathe and have our being in the One
who called us into life.**

And we raise our voices to this One with praise and
gratitude.

Hymn VU#245 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet²

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,**

praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Opening Prayer and Confession

VU#218 We Praise You, O God³ (v. 3 only)

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

Words of Assurance

God accepts our thanksgiving and our confession.

God receives us as we are and loves us.

We are a forgiven, loved and thankful people.

Let us sing:

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle⁴

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Psalm 150

I Chronicles 13:5-8

Special Music Pass Me Not

Words by Fanny Crosby Music by William H. Doane

Choral Setting by Larry Shackley

Reflection

Includes (in order) the following hymns:

VU#240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven⁵ (vs. 1 to 3)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,

glad of heart your carols raise;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who, like me, should sing God's praise.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favour

shown our forebears in distress;

God is still the same forever,

slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!
Like a loving parent caring,
God know well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

VU#747 The Lord's My Shepherd
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
My table thou has furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

VU#144 Were You There⁶ (vs. 1 to 3)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

VU#710 Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1 & 2)

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Special Music River in Judea
Lyrics by Linda Marcus Music by Jack Feldman
Arranged by John Leavitt

VU#664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.

VU#87 I Am the Light of the World⁷ (vs. 1 & 4)

“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love
you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:

“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love
you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth!

"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Special Music A Place at the Table
 Words by Shirley Erena Murray
 Music by Mary McDonald

Offering Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(at the beginning and end of the prayer)

VU#400 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying⁸

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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
Resurrection⁹

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

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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