



Sunset United Church

May 30th 2021 – Asian Heritage Sunday

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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 and Affirming Candles*

Hymn: VU#34 Come Now, O God of Peace

*Come now, O God of peace,
We are your people;
Pour out your spirit
That we be one body.*

Call to Worship^:

We have come from different places to worship God.

We have brought our own cultural heritages.

We have gathered to seek God's concern

**We have come together to become peacemakers and
community builders.**

We open ourselves to God's wisdom

We open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us.

Opening Prayer:**

God of life,

**You sustain us through the harmonious
Work of heaven, earth, and human beings.**

**You enrich community woven together
From different cultures and traditions.**

Today we come together to celebrate

Asian Heritage Month

Remembering and honouring our Asian siblings.

**Enhance our joy of journeying together
For the common good.**

In the name of Jesus, our companion, we pray.

Amen

Hymn: VU#268 Bring Many Names

- 1. Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!*

2. *Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!*

3. *Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!*

4. *Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!*

5. *Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!*

6. *Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!*

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation[^]

Loving God,

At this time, we ask your forgiveness.

Although Jesus taught us to
“love your neighbour as yourself,”
We have not followed his words
Because of our own selfishness and
Greed blinding our eyes.

**Instead of showing love in Christ,
We ignored and judged our siblings,
And we did not see or hear their tears
and pain.**

Although Jesus taught us to
“forgive one another seventy times seven,”
We did not follow his words
Because we were too stubborn,
So our anger and resentment destroyed our soul.

**Instead of following the way of peace
in the Spirit
we fragmented apart,
guided by our own purpose
and our actions destroyed the creation of God.**

O God, forgive us and renew us through your
Holy Spirit,

**O God, forgive us and renew us through your Holy
Spirit.**

-silent prayer-

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid



*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.*

Sharing the Story:

Hymn: VU#309 Para, Para, Pitter Pat

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1. *Para, para, pitter pat,
See it rain, see it rain;
Para, para, pitter pat,
Tell me why it rains.
So the garden hard and dry
Will be softened by and by,
And the flowers one by one
Soon will see the sun.*
2. *Chira, chira, wafting down,
See it snow, see it snow;
Chira, chira, wafting down,
Tell me why it snows.
So the branches everywhere
Will a snowy blanket wear;
Warm and cosy they will stay,
On a winter's day.*
3. *Kira, kira, little stars,
See them shine, see them shine;
Kira, kira, little stars,
Tell me why you shine.
So that others travelling,
Over roads a-darkening,
Soon will find their pathways bright,
in the starry light.*

4. Chuchu, little bird,
Hear it sing, hear it sing;
Chuchu, little bird,
Tell me why you sing.
So that others lonely,
Listening to my melody,
In their hears will hear me say,
“God loves you today.”

Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-18
Luke 24: 28-32

Special Music: With the Wings of Our Mind
*(sung by Korean Ministries Network
and friends)*

Reflection

Hymn: MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

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*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

1. God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide*

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: MV#154 Deep in our Hearts

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1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;
Telling creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose,
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal,
Deep in our hearts there is a common message,
Justice and peace in harmony.

3. *Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current;
Flowing to freedom like a stream.*

4. *Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;
Telling creation that we are one.*

Benediction

Amen

Postlude



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