



# Sunset United Church

## May 7, 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: Do not let your hearts be troubled!

**All: God is here, in this place, loving us into fullness.**

One: A place has been prepared just for you!

**All: A place in our church, our hearts, our prayers.**

One: Come, let us join together as we seek "The Way"

**All: The way to truth, the way life in this age and the  
age to come**

One: Let us pray:

**All: 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 VU#389 God Is Here<sup>1</sup>

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here the table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## Theme Time

## Anthem

Scripture Reading John 14:1-14

Hymn VU#661 Come to My Heart<sup>2</sup>

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today.  
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; fill me with love today.  
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; Answer my prayer today.  
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

## Message

Hymn VU#641 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song<sup>3</sup>

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey,  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens  
and tears,  
for you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey,  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps  
by my side;  
and with all of my brothers you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

### **Minute for Mission**

**Sung Response** VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle<sup>4</sup>

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

### **Prayers for the World**

**Hymn** VU#635 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

**All the way my Saviour leads me;  
what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see!**

**All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

## **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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