



Sunset United Church

May 8, 2022 – Easter 4C
Christian Family Sunday



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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship¹

Lighting the Christ Candle¹

Passing the Peace

Hymn MV#1 Let Us Build a House (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)²

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.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am³

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide⁴

Refrain 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.

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

WE LISTEN

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture & Doodling John 15:9-17

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families⁵

 Would you bless our homes and families,
 Source of life who calls us here;
 in our world of stress and tension
 teach us love that conquers fear.
 Help us learn to love each other
 with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
 love's expressed in many ways.

 When our way is undemanding,
 let us use the time that's ours
 to delight in simple pleasures,
 sharing joys in gentle hours.
 When our way is anxious walking
 and a heavy path we plod,
 teach us trust in one another
 and in you, our gracious God.

 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
 with the love that shapes us there,
 teach us, God, to claim as family
 every one whose life we share.
 And through all that life may offer,

may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Dedication of the Offering

We are gathered as your family of faith –
Diverse, delightful, devoted.

Bless the gifts of time, talent, and treasure we offer
today and every day,
that they reflect the wonderful diversity
Of your family worldwide,
That our beating hearts may connect
With our human family everywhere. Amen

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#174 Soil of God, You and I⁶

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is...Holy ground.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen (*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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