



Sunset United Church

November 20, 2022



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

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

Centering Time

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

One: May the love of God be with you all;

All: And also with you.

One: Throughout the church year, our God accompanies us,

**All: Leading us through challenge, celebrating with us,
hearing our prayers.**

One: As we follow the seasons of the church we hear the stories of our faith,

**All: Stories of Jesus and the prophets, stories of the
early church,**

One: We hear stories of our ancestors of faith,

**All: stories of success and failure, times of devotion,
and times of breaking our covenant to God**

One: We hear the stories of people just like us,

**All: These are our stories, providing wisdom, direction,
and reason to celebrate through worship!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, as we celebrate the year that has been,
preparing for the year to come, remind us that it is
this moment that we have given, it is this moment
in which we can participate, it is this moment that
we can offer to you. May we hear your voice in all
our countless moments and may we embrace the
opportunities you bestow each one.**

**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#213 Rejoice, the Lord Is King¹

**Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

Theme Time Advent

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Reflection

Hymn VU#55 In the Bleak Midwinter

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel which adore.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Reflection

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

Reflection

Hymn VU#155 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today²

**Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**

**But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

Scripture Reading Luke 9:12-17

Reflection

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn

MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New³

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you
and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way.**

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn VU#352 Lord of the Dance⁴

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain **Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.**

Refrain

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.**

Refrain

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

Refrain

**They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

Refrain

Blessing



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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