

Sunset United Church

November 24th, 2019

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey

Choir Director: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Christa Eidsness



WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Candles



Hymn: MV 92 Like a Rock

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer:

Holy Mystery,

your love for us

Goes beyond our imagining;

you dance with joy

when we are happy

and you weep with sorrow

when we are sad.

When humanity needed you most

you became human

and walked among us.

**Remind us of your deep commitment us,
and let us feel your continued presence among us.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: VU 242 Let All Things Now Living

Responsive Reading

(adapted from Psalm 46 and The Promise by Madeleine L'Engle c. 1969
Madeleine L'Engle Franklin)

One: You Promised
Well, actually you didn't promise very much, did you?
But that little is enough
Is more than enough.

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

One: We fail you
Over and over again
But you promised to be faithful to us
Not to let us fail
Beyond your forgiveness of our failure.

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

One: In our common temptation
You promised
We would not be tempted more than we are able
You promised not to lead us into temptation
Beyond our frail strength

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

One: and you
yourself
are our refuge in temptation
our escape from the pit
and that is enough

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

One: so that we can bear
more than we thought we could bear
of loneliness, nothingness, otherness,
sin, silliness, sadness.
for thine is the kingdom and the other great fors:
forbearance, forgiveness,
fortitude,
forever:

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

One: This is what you promised
it is enough
it is everything.

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble**

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Creation Will Be at Peace

Sharing the Story

Hymn: MV 147 God Help Us to Treasure

Scripture: Luke 23:34-43

Reflection: Royal Watchers

Hymn: MV 176 Three things I Promise (verses 1-4)

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: MV 191 What Can I Do? (sung twice)

Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: VU 402 We Are One (verses 1,2,4)

Commissioning and Benediction

Amen

Postlude