



# Sunset United Church

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*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 *(adapted from Psalm 122)*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Shout for joy for you have answered a call!

**All: We have come to the house of God to worship and celebrate!**

One: We stand on the threshold of something good and holy;

**All: A time when all people will come to God's house,**

One: It shall be known that this house is all creation.

**All: And in that house will be the throne of God;**

One: A throne that represents justice for all people!

**All: Come, let us celebrate all that God is doing!**

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#5 All Earth Is Waiting<sup>1</sup>

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and open furrows await the seed of God.  
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.'  
One whose name is 'God with us', our Saviour shall be,  
through whom hope will blossom once more within our  
hearts.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,  
open new highways, new highways for our God,  
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

**In lowly stable the Promised One appeared.  
Yet, feel that presence throughout the earth today,  
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 24:36-44

**Hymn** VU#699 Live into Hope<sup>2</sup>

**Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!**

**Live into hope the blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

## **Reflection**

**Hymn VU#44 It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and warring humankind hears not  
the love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,  
to hear the angels sing.**

**For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

## Minute for Mission

### Response Hymn

MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New<sup>3</sup>

**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

Response Hymn VU#1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel<sup>4</sup>  
(vs. 1, 4, 5 & 7)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from every foe deliver them  
that trust your mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
and be for us the Prince of Peace.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Hymn VU#424 May the God of Hope Go with Us<sup>5</sup>

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**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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