



# South Regina United Community

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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 *(adapted from Psalm 46)*

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Our God is our refuge and strength,

**All: A very present help in times of trouble.**

One: Therefore, we have nothing to fear,

**All: Even though the earth changes, the oceans rise  
and mountains crumble.**

One: Come, see, and participate in what God is doing:

**All: All wars shall cease, the bow will break and the  
spear will shatter**

**Those filled with greed will come to share,  
Those who know violence will know peace!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy spirit, source of love and wisdom, we enter  
into this faith community and time of worship to be  
nourished. We come from our busy lives, times of  
confusion, and stresses about the state of our  
world to find your grace. Be with us as we pray,  
sing, and reflect on your still speaking voice. Be  
with us 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** MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath<sup>1</sup>

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.  
Comfort us. When we know you are near  
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.  
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new  
dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 2:2-4  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Hymn** VU#678 For the Healing of the Nations<sup>2</sup>

**For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.**

## **Message**

**Hymn** VU#684 **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**<sup>3</sup>

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:**

*Refrain* **O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

*Refrain* **O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

## **Minute for Mission**

**Sung Response** MV#157 I Am a Child of God<sup>4</sup> (v. 4)

**I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.**

**Prayers for the World**

**Sung Response** MV#90 Don't Be Afraid<sup>5</sup>

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.**

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.**

**Hymn** VU#691 Though Ancient Walls<sup>6</sup>

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
and racial strife be fact,  
though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
proclaim God's saving act!**

*Refrain* **Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

**When vested power stands firm entrenched  
and breaks another's back,  
when waste and want live side by side,  
it's Gospel that we lack.**

*Refrain* **Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,  
the life that we pursue,  
unites us in a common quest  
for self and world made new.**

*Refrain* **Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

**The church divided seeks that grace,  
that newness we proclaim;  
a unity of serving love  
that lives praise to God's name!**

*Refrain*    **Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

**This broken world seeks lasting health  
and vital unity.  
God's people by God's Word renewed,  
cast off all slavery!**

*Refrain*    **Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

## **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)

**Audio/Visual Technician:** Bonnie Tudor (she/they)



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