



# 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

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Come, join with all people of every time and place;

**All: We join with all creation in singing praises to God.**

One: And by who's authority do you gather in this temple?

**All: It is by God's authority and Jesus' instruction that we gather in community.**

One: Then let us celebrate with song and prayer that God brings us together.

**All: We are one people, a part of one creation. May our songs join the worldwide chorus!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, we enter into worship to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, a movement of faithful people who wish for more: more peace, more justice, more love, more wisdom, and a more intimate relationship with you, our God. Hear our prayers as we also turn our ears to you, our one authority, our one God.**

**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#226 For the Beauty of the Earth<sup>1</sup>

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,**

*Refrain* **God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,**

*Refrain* **God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,**

*Refrain* **God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,**

*Refrain* **God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Message** Matthew 21:23-32

**Hymn** MV#195 Long Ago and Far Away<sup>2</sup>

**Long ago and far away  
Jesus lived and worked and prayed  
healed the sick and the fearful and lonely  
lived his life to show us God's way.**

*Refrain*     **Stretched his arms out as he said  
Fill the cup and share the bread  
Remember me in love and joy  
and blessing**

**Jesus gathered the children around him  
spoke of Love and the joy to be found  
told them stories of wisdom and wonder  
God's creation in all that's around.**

*Refrain*     **Stretched his arms out as he said  
Fill the cup and share the bread  
Remember me in love and joy  
and blessing**

**Jesus called all his friends to be with him  
share the bread and the cup once again  
life to you I will offer it gladly  
love will be with you right to the end.**

*Refrain*     **Stretched his arms out as he said  
Fill the cup and share the bread  
Remember me in love and joy  
and blessing**

### **Minute for Mission**

**Sung Response**    MV#157 I Am a Child of God<sup>3</sup> (v. 1)

**I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation,  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

**Sung Response**    VU#951 Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart  
**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God!**

### **Passing of the Peace**

**Sung Response**    VU#951 Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart  
**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God!**

## Great thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Loving God, source of all, we long for your reign. We have received the promise, that the paradise Jesus taught, is possible and we give you thanks. We hold the promise that Christ is alive and working through the hands of those who follow his Way, and we give you thanks. We have received the instruction and wisdom we need, we are assured forgiveness when we fail, and encouragement to try again, and we give you thanks.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God,  
power of life and love!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna through the ages!  
Blest is the one who comes to bring justice to your  
earth!**

**Sung Response** VU#951 Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart  
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God!

## Prayers

### A New Creed

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response VU#951 Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart  
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God!**

### **Sharing of the Feast**

**Hymn MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts<sup>4</sup>**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;  
Telling creation that we are one.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose,  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal,  
Deep in our hearts there is a common message,  
Justice and peace in harmony.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current;  
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story;  
Telling creation that we are one.**

### **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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