



Sunset United Church

October 16, 2022

7:00 p.m.

*Covenanting Service between
Sunset United Church, Rev. Jim Tenford,
Living Skies Regional Council and God*



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

Welcome & Candle Lighting

Jean Cameron

Centering Time

Shirley Hill

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Aaron Orban

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

All: And also with you.

One: Come, come into a time of celebration!

All: A celebration of all the wonders God is doing!

One: God works through us and our communities, calling,
inspiring, provoking.

**All: Through our work and worship, we affirm our place
in God's ministry of Good News!**

One: Come, let us celebrate all God is doing;

All: And celebrate that we're invited to participate!

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy One, source of grace, redeeming and
inspiring Spirit, we thank you for your presence in
our gathering. We pray that all the words we share
reflect your wisdom, the songs we sing spring
forth from our joy, and that the love felt in this
gathering represent in a small way, the love you
have for us 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#563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore¹

**Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain **O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour.**

Refrain

**You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.**

Refrain

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.**

Refrain

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:12-23 Michelle McConkey

Anthem

Reflection

Bryan Tudor

Hymn MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts²

**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;
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Telling creation that we are one.**

Celebration of Covenant

Statement of This New Ministry June Blau/Susan Black

Prayer of Faith

**Uniting God,
you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy
of discipleship:
to celebrate your presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to bind us in full communion
so that we may be a uniting church
embodying your love for the world.**

**As one, we proclaim:
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
you are with us,
we are not alone,
all glory and power be unto you.
Amen.**

Sung Response MV#18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a
Sanctuary³

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

Promises of the New Minister

Rev. Jim Tenford/June Blau

Promises of the Community of Faith

June Blau

Will you join with Jim in a ministry of worship, study,
prayer, and action within Sunset United Church, Living
Skies regional Council and within the wider church?

We will.

Will you support him as he serves among you in this
ministry?

We will.

**Promises of Regional Council, Wider Church
and Community**

June Blau

Will members of the larger church community please
stand as you're able. Will you, as members of Living
Skies regional council and members of the wider
community, join with Jim and this community of faith in
the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

We will.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

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Presentation of Symbols

Bible

Presented by Corrine Groff

Take this Bible. Be with us as one who aspires to teach
and proclaim the Good News.

All: Amen.

Hymn Book

Presented by Bosco Hui

Take this hymn book as a reminder that to be a part of
God's world, and a part of this faith community, is
worthy of joy and celebration.

All: Amen.

Prayer Shawl

Presented by Susan Black

Take this prayer shawl as a symbol of our ministry of
care and compassion

All: Amen.

Response to Covenant

June Blau

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn VU#639 One More Step Along the World I Go⁴

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:**

Refrain **And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

**Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:**

Refrain

**As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:**

Refrain

**Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:**

Refrain

**You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:**

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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