



Sunset United Church

October 16, 2022



*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

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

All: And also with you.

One: Like a parent protecting a child, like a shepherd watching the flock,

All: God will never leave us.

One: Like a vine that reaches for the sun,

All: God yearns for our presence.

One: Like a drop of water always returning to the ocean,

All: We cannot be separated from our God.

One: We come together this day,

**All: To worship our God, to feel the Spirit's embrace,
and recommit our covenant to God and God's world.**

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy one, we come to you in prayer.

We pray to you with our songs, joining in the harmony of this community.

We pray to you with our words, offering praise and thanksgiving.

We pray to you with our hands and feet, ready to do your work in your world.

We pray to you with our silent listening, ready to hear your voice calling us in new ways.

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#661 Come to My Heart¹

**Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.**

**Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.**

**Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.**

**Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

**Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.**

**Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.**

**Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.**

**Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

**Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.**

**Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.**

**Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.**

**Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading and Reflection Luke 18:1-8

Hymn MV#106 I Am the Dream²

**I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in ev'ry silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.**

**I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.**

**You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.**

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn

MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New³

**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 MV#97 Listen, God Is Calling⁴

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

Hymn VU#660 How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!**

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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